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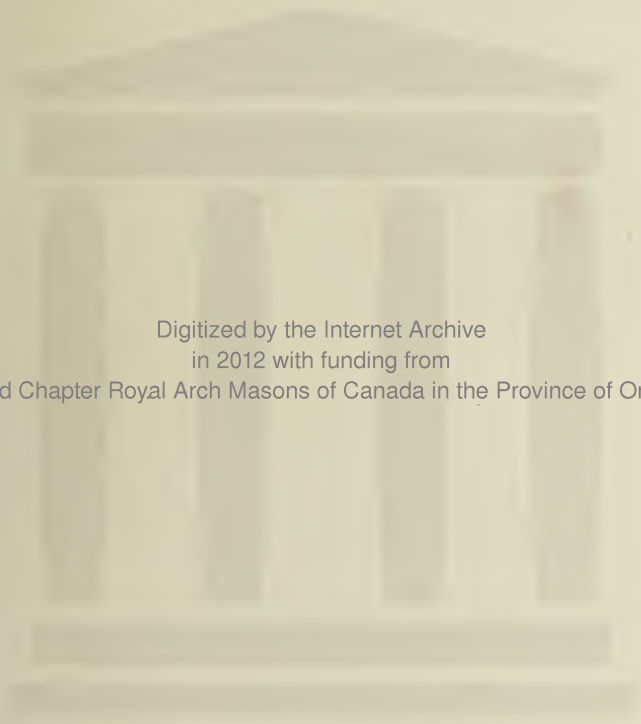
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GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF CANADA

At the Fifty-First Annual Convocation

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, A. D. 1909  
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Grand Z.

GEORGE J. BENNETT, Toronto,  
Grand Scribe<sup>W</sup>E.



# GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

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CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH JANU-  
ARY, A.I. 2439, A.D. 1909.

### PRESENT.

|             |                   |                               |                  |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| M. E. Comp. | John Leslie       | Grand Z.                      | } Grand Council. |
| R. " "      | George Moore      | Grand H.                      |                  |
| R. " "      | Fred. W. Harcourt | Grand J.                      |                  |
| R. " "      | Geo. J. Bennett   | Grand Scribe E.               |                  |
| R. " "      | Oliver Ellwood    | as Grand Scribe N.            |                  |
| R. " "      | Benj. Allen       | as Grand Treasurer.           |                  |
| R. " "      | Geo. K. Clemens   | as Grand Principal Sojourner. |                  |
| R. " "      | U. A. Buchner     | Grand Registrar.              |                  |
| V. " "      | H. E. W. Tamlyn   | Grand Senior Sojourner.       |                  |
| V. " "      | Edward Porter     | Grand Junior Sojourner.       |                  |
| R. " "      | James B. Nixon    | Grand Lecturer.               |                  |
| V. " "      | Wm. Dawson        | as Grand Sword Bearer.        |                  |
| V. " "      | Richard Sloggett  | Grand Master of 1st Veil      |                  |
| V. " "      | J. W. Sanders     | as Grand Master of 2nd Veil.  |                  |
| V. " "      | W. H. Robinson    | as Grand Master of 3rd Veil.  |                  |
| V. " "      | C. Clapp Spencer  | Grand Master of 4th Veil.     |                  |
| V. " "      | Fred. Miller      | as Grand Standard Bearer.     |                  |
| V. " "      | Geo. McBeth       | Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.     |                  |
| R. " "      | E. C. Davies      | as Grand Organist.            |                  |
| V. " "      | Wm. Bain          | as Grand Pursuivant.          |                  |
| V. " "      | Geo. W. Clendenan | Grand Steward.                |                  |
| V. " "      | H. Wellbanks      | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| V. " "      | Robt. S. Cull     | Grand Steward.                |                  |
| V. " "      | R. A. Rastell     | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| V. " "      | Wm. Duncan        | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| V. " "      | W. A. Lyon        | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| V. " "      | G. H. Lanigan     | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| " "         | J. J. Hoidge      | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| " "         | A. Malone         | as Grand Steward.             |                  |
| " "         | E. J. Repath      | as Grand Steward.             |                  |

### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

|             |                 |            |           |   |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|---|
| R. E. Comp. | A. W. Honsinger | London     | Dist. No. | 2 |
| R. " "      | W. R. McCormack | Wilson     | " "       | 3 |
| R. " "      | J. H. Walker    | Wellington | " "       | 4 |



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|----|---|-----------------------|--------------|---|---|----|
| R. | " | Wm. Stark .....       | Hamilton     | " | " | 5  |
| R. | " | Evan E. Fraser .....  | Niagara      | " | " | 7  |
| R. | " | D. A. Clark, M.D..... | Toronto      | " | " | 8  |
| R. | " | G. W. Bruce .....     | Georgian     | " | " | 9  |
| R. | " | W. Bellamy .....      | Ontario      | " | " | 10 |
| R. | " | G. B. Magee .....     | St. Lawrence | " | " | 12 |
| R. | " | E. G. Shane .....     | Ottawa       | " | " | 13 |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Companion R. H. Spencer, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 136 warranted Chapters and 2 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 100 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, Kingston.*

E. Comps. H. D. Bibby, Z., A. Malone; R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, P. Z.'s.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. Thos. Towers, J., A. W. Palmer, H., A. G. Bain, D. R. Gibson; V. E. Comps. Fred. Staunton, Thos. Smith, G. H. Lanigan; R. E. Comps. A. W. Peene and Geo. Moore, P. Z.'s.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

E. Comps. J. H. Wilson, Thos. Rowe; R. E. Comps. J. A. Tancock, Donald Fraser, O. Ellwood, proxy, and John Graham, P. Z.'s.

No. 4. *St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. E. D. Grant, J., W. S. Jackson, Z., T. B. Cole; V. E. Comps. H. S. King, Jas. G. Boyce; R. E. Comps. W. Simpson, R. W. Clewlo, and Henry T. Smith, P. Z.'s.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

R. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson, proxy, P. Z.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. Paul E. Lumsden, H., Geo. Britton, Z., A. T. Freed, J. T. Wilson, H. A. MacKay, F. H. Yapp; R. E. Comps. W. J. McAllister, William Birrell; M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, P. Z.'s.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*

E. Comps. Walter Alford, Z., W. N. Ponton; R. E. Comp. Arthur McGinnis, P. Z.'s.

*No. 8. King Solomon's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. W. H. Shaw, H., A. H. Lougheed, Z., Joseph Doust, Wm. Stinson, Malcolm Gibbs, J. W. Johnson, Wm. Porteous, E. M. Carleton, Alfred Davis; V. E. Comp. W. A. Lyon; R. E. Comps. N. T. Lyon, J. B. Nixon; M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P. Z.'s

*No. 15. Wawanosh, Sarnia.*

E. Comps. John Boyd, H., O. S. Clark, Z., S. E. Cornell, P. Z.

*No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.*

R. E. Comp. E. G. Shane, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 19. Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*

E. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, proxy; R. E. Comp. S. P. Gourlay, P. Z.'s.

*No. 20. Mount Horeb, Brantford.*

E. Comp. A. C. Barnett, H.; V. E. Comp. R. A. Rastell; R. E. Comp. W. R. McCormack, P. Z.'s.

*No. 22. Grenville, Prescott.*

R. E. Comp. J. F. Graham, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 23. Ezra, Simcoe.*

E. Comps. C. F. Misner, H., H. Hoffmann, Z., R. W. Wallace, P. Z.

*No. 24. Tecumseh, Stratford.*

E. Comps. R. J. Stevenson, Z., W. G. Irwin; R. E. Comp. Chris. McLellan, P. Z.'s.

*No. 26. St. Mark's, Trenton.*

E. Comp. B. H. Siddall, Z.; R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, P. Z.

*No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.*

R. E. Comps. W. T. Toner, proxy, G. W. Bruce, P. Z.'s.

*No. 28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.*

E. Comp. Geo. J. Scott; R. E. Comp. A. E. Henry, P. Z.'s.

*No. 29.*

V. E. Comp. Samuel Amsden, Z.; R. E. Comp. R. G. W. Conolly, P. Z.

*No. 30. Huron, Goderich.*

R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, P. Z., and proxy.

*No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.*

E. Comp. W. G. McClellan, Z.; V. E. Comps. H. Wellbanks, C. Clapp Spencer; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. Z.'s.

- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*  
E. Comp. Finlay Smith, Z.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*  
E. Comps. F. T. Grafton, H., Alex. Cowan, J. C. Irwin,  
R. E. Fletcher, G. G. Smith; R. E. Comps. S. Wesley,  
D. F. MacWatt, P. Z.'s.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*  
E. Comp. Frank C. Harper, Z.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*  
V. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*  
E. Comps. W. A. Rapp, Z., R. S. Cull, W. G. Stephenson;  
R. E. Comp. Richard Mahoney, P. Z.'s.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*  
E. Comp. J. L. Revell, Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*  
E. Comps. Jas. Thorne, Z., Jas. Shaw, H. J. Mayhew;  
R. E. Comp. W. Bellamy, P. Z.'s.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*  
E. Comp. D. E. Russell, Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*  
E. Comp. A. J. Gould, Z.; R. E. Comp. Robert J. Craig,  
P. Z.
- No. 50. *Saugeen, Walkerton.*  
R. E. Comp. R. C. Cheswright, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*  
R. E. Comp. Robert Magness; M. E. Comp. John Leslie,  
proxy, P. Z.'s.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*  
V. E. Comp. John Sinclair, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*  
E. Comp. John Henning, Z.; R. E. Comps. N. W. Ford,  
E. W. Honsinger, P. Z.'s.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*  
E. Comp. Fred. J. McClelland; R. E. Comp. J. G. Bot-  
tomley, P. Z.'s.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*  
E. Comps. N. L. Wilson, H., E. E. Miller, Z.; R. E. Comp.  
Allan Cameron, P. Z.

*No. 59. Sussex, Brockville.*

E. Comp. A. G. Knapp, A. H. Gulham, W. H. Kyle, Geo. K. Dewey, W. F. Chapman, proxy; R. E. Comp. Thos. Dowell, P. Z.'s.

*No. 60. Doric, Newmarket.*

E. Comp. W. L. Rogers, proxy; R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P. Z.'s.

*No. 62. York, Eglinton.*

E. Comps. Geo. McLeish, R. Lennox, proxy; V. E. Comps. Wm. Duncan, D. Robertson; R. E. Comps. R. W. Hull, R. J. Gibson, P. Z.'s.

*No. 63. Havelock, Kincardine.*

E. Comp. M. J. Macpherson, Z.

*No. 65. St. Paul's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. R. R. Lockhart, J., L. F. Riggs, Z., E. J. B. Duncan, W. H. Grant, S. B. Sykes, K. J. Dunstan; R. E. Comps. B. Allen, W. G. Eakins, Aubrey White, C. W. Postlethwaite, Douglas Ponton, E. B. Brown, Geo. F. Shepley, Fred. W. Harcourt, P. Z.'s.

*No. 66. The Malloch, Seaforth.*

E. Comp. W. J. Moffat, P. Z.

*No. 67. Enterprise, Harriston.*

E. Comps. W. D. McLellan, Z., E. W. Lambert, Andrew Fisher, John A. Copeland, P. Z.'s.

*No. 68. Maitland, North Augusta.*

R. E. Comp. G. B. Magee, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.*

E. Comp. W. F. Randall, Z.; R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, P. Z.

*No. 70. Grand River, Bracebridge.*

R. E. Comp. Jas. Whitten, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 72. Keystone, Stirling.*

E. Comps. John Shaw, Z., C. F. Walt, W. R. Howson; V. E. Comp. H. H. Alger, P. Z.'s.

*No. 74. Beaver, Strathroy.*

E. Comps. M. F. Forsyth, Z., S. S. Donaldson; V. E. Comp. Geo. McBeth; R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, P. Z.'s.

*No. 75. St. Clair, Milton.*

E. Comps. S. R. Bews, Z., A. J. McKinnon; R. E. Comps. Wm. Panton, J. A. Fraser, Wm. Stark, P. Z.'s.

*No. 76. Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*

E. Comps. F. W. Swannell, H., J. J. Harriman, Z., R. F. Carter; V. E. Comp. R. Sloggett; R. E. Comp. Evan E. Fraser, P. Z.'s.

*No. 77. Occident, Toronto.*

E. Comps. S. B. Lay, J., R. Falconer, Z., E. J. Repath, W. B. Stoneham, H. J. Brown; R. E. Comp. George K. Clemens, P. Z.'s.

*No. 78. Minnewawa, Parkhill.*

E. Comps. Geo. A. Fraser, Z., Geo. Sutherland; V. E. Comp. W. Dawson, P. Z.'s.

*No. 79. Orient, Toronto.*

E. Comps. J. Walford, H., John Jolly, Z., J. A. Stewart, G. B. Foster, F. H. Anderson, W. J. Chick; V. E. Comps. Gil. Gilmour, Ira Bates, Wm. Bain, P. Z.'s.

*No. 80. Ark, Windsor.*

E. Comp. M. B. Squire, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 81. Aylmer, Aylmer.*

E. Comp. E. A. Richards, Z.

*No. 82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.*

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, proxy, P. Z.

*No. 83. Ionic, Orangeville.*

E. Comp. A. Hill; R. E. Comps. Robert Irvine, Robert Mann, P. Z.'s.

*No. 84. Lebanon, Wingham.*

E. Comp. W. Watson, proxy; V. E. Comp. H. E. Tamlyn, P. Z.'s.

*No. 86. Macpherson, Meaford.*

R. E. Comp. Jas. Sparling, P. Z.

*No. 90. Golden, Kenora.*

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, proxy.

*No. 91. Antiquity, Toronto.*

E. Comps. G. T. Pendrith, J., W. Wilby, H., P. K. Perry, Z., J. J. Hoidge; R. E. Comps. E. C. Davies, Geo. J. Bennett, P. Z.'s.

*No. 94. Midland, Lindsay.*

R. E. Comp. J. W. Wallace, proxy; M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, P. Z.'s.

*No. 95. Tuscan, Sudbury.*

E. Comps. R. S. Mitchell, J., F. W. Culloton, Z.

- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*  
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, proxy.
- No. 99. *Kcystone, Portage la Prairie.*  
R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, proxy.
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*  
E. Comp. J. W. Forbes, Z.; R. E. Comp. W. H. Mowat, P. Z's.
- No. 101. *Corinthian, Boissevain.*  
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, proxy.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*  
E. Comps. J. B. Way, Z., D. W. Green, P. Z.
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*  
E. Comps. R. L. Dudley, Z., M. J. McCubbin, P. Z.
- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*  
E. Comps. Wm. Amor, W. T. Marlatt, proxy, W. O. Joyce, J. C. Ford, T. G. Wallace; V. E. Comp. W. H. Robinson; R. E. Comp. W. H. Speers, P. Z's.
- No. 106. *Alberta, Calgary.*  
V. E. Comp. E. Nelson Brown, P. Z.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*  
E. Comp. W. C. Davy, P. Z.
- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*  
E. Comp. Benj. Eastwood, P. Z.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*  
E. Comp. Alfred S. Wade, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*  
E. Comp. J. R. Inksater; V. E. Comp. W. J. Logie; R. E. Comp. Jas. Smiley, P. Z's.
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*  
E. Comp. D. Smythe, Z.; R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, P. Z's.
- No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*  
E. Comps. A. H. Walker, J., J. M. Walker, Z.; R. E. Comp. J. H. Walker, P. Z.
- No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*  
R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, proxy.

- No. 120. *Kootenay, Kaslo.*  
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, proxy.
- No. 121. *Wascana, Regina.*  
R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, proxy.
- No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*  
R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, proxy.
- No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*  
M. E. Comp. John Leslie, proxy.
- No. 125. *Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook.*  
M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, proxy. ..
- No. 131. *Amabel, Wiarton.*  
E. Comps. W. J. Ferguson, Z.; W. Smythe, P. Z.'s.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*  
E. Comp. A. B. Munro, Z.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*  
E. Comp. W. Hyndman, Z.
- No. 134. *King Darius, Cannington.*  
E. Comp. Thomas Foster, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*  
E. Comps. B. Madill, H., W. E. Tummonds, Z., W. S. Ormiston, V. M. Hare; R. E. Comp. D. A. Clark, P. Z.'s.
- No. 136. *King Edward, Neepawa.*  
R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, proxy.
- No. 138. *Shekinah, West Toronto.*  
E. Comps. Jesse C. Smith, Z., J. T. McMulkin; V. E. Comp. G. W. Clendenan, P. Z.'s.
- No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*  
E. Comp. G. A. MacLennan, H.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*  
R. E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead, proxy, P. Z.
- No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*  
E. Comps. Benj. Cairns, J., C. G. Smith, Z., G. S. Ryerson, Jas. Glanville, P. Z.'s.
- No. 150. *London, London.*  
E. Comps. F. Marshall, Z., J. E. Johnson; R. E. Comps. U. A. Buchner, R. W. Evans, P. Z.'s.

No. 154. *Klondike, Dawson.*

R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, proxy.

No. 155. *Ancaster, Ancaster.*

E. Comp. G. B. Smith, Z.

No. 156. *Avondale, Hartney.*

R. E. Comp. George Moore, proxy.

No. 157. *Okanagan, Vernon.*

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, proxy.

No. 161. *Madoc, Madoc.*

E. Comp. A. Williamson, Z.

No. 162. *Moosejaw, Moosejaw.*

M. E. Comp. John Leslie, proxy.

Thirty-six Chapters are unrepresented; number of names registered, 276; number of votes entitled to be cast, 461.

Fraternally submitted,

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| R. H. SPENCER,  | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| W. T. TONER,    |                     |
| W. S. R. MURCH, |                     |
| R. T. CRAIG,    |                     |

On motion of R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons, properly vouched for and in good standing, would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Convocation held in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1908, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and



*Resolved*,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 22nd January, 1908, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of sister Grand Chapters, and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais, where he greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:—

|             |                     |                       |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| R. E. Comp. | William Birrell     | Arizona.              |
| R. " "      | Samuel Wesley       | California.           |
| R. " "      | Arthur McGinnis     | Colorado.             |
| M. " "      | Abraham Shaw        | Connecticut.          |
| R. " "      | Geo. F. Shepley     | District of Columbia. |
| R. " "      | Richard Mahoney     | Florida.              |
| R. " "      | Allan Cameron, M.D. | Georgia.              |
| R. " "      | William Forbes      | Illinois.             |
| R. " "      | C. W. Postlethwaite | Iowa.                 |
| R. " "      | Geo. J. Bennett     | Ireland.              |
| R. " "      | Henry T. Smith      | Kentucky.             |
| R. " "      | Benjamin Allen      | Maine.                |
| R. " "      | R. G. W. Conolly    | Maryland.             |
| M. " "      | John E. Harding     | Massachusetts.        |
| R. " "      | Oliver Ellwood      | Minnesota.            |
| R. " "      | R. H. Spencer       | Nebraska.             |
| R. " "      | W. H. Mowat         | Nevada.               |
| R. " "      | W. S. R. Murch      | New Hampshire.        |
| R. " "      | J. G. Bottomley     | New Jersey.           |
| M. " "      | Donald Ross         | New South Wales.      |
| M. " "      | J. Ross Robertson   | New York.             |
| M. " "      | John Leslie         | New Zealand.          |
| R. " "      | Aubrey White        | North Carolina.       |
| R. " "      | George Moore        | Nova Scotia.          |
| R. " "      | Hugh A. MacKay      | Ohio.                 |
| R. " "      | Fred. W. Harcourt   | Oregon.               |
| R. " "      | D. F. MacWatt       | Quebec.               |
| R. " "      | W. T. Toner         | South Carolina.       |
| R. " "      | J. B. Nixon         | Vermont.              |
| M. " "      | W. G. Reid          | Victoria.             |
| R. " "      | Alex. Patterson     | Virginia.             |
| R. " "      | William Panton      | Western Australia.    |

Grand honors having been accorded the representatives of sister Grand jurisdictions, and suitable responses made, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. E. the Grand Z. read the following:—

## ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of Canada, Greeting:*

COMPANIONS,—It gives me peculiar pleasure to greet you at the end of another year in the history of our Royal Craft. One year ago we met to celebrate our jubilee; we have now advanced another milestone along the pathway. I must congratulate the Grand Chapter upon adding another successful year to its record of progress and prosperity. Let us render our most humble thanks to the Most High for the support that He has given us, and entreat that His continued blessing may rest upon us.

## DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

In my address of last year it was my melancholy duty to refer to the death of several of our associates, men who had occupied a foremost place in the Craft, and whom we loved as brethren. Again this duty falls on me, and again heavily. One of the oldest of my own personal friends, one with whom I had been intimate for almost thirty years, has passed away. I refer to R.E. Comp. Thomas Robinson, of Winnipeg. Deceased was a man whom it was a privilege to know, whose friendship was beyond price. A devoted husband and father, an able lawyer, a zealous churchman, a patriotic citizen, an enthusiastic Mason, he endeared himself to a wide circle of friends—and every one with whom he came in contact was his friend—and to these his death came with a sense of personal loss. He had been honored by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba with the highest office in its gift; he was a Past Grand Superintendent of this Grand Chapter. His work in connection with the Craft was never perfunctory; he loved Capitular Masonry and gave of his time and energy to its service. I wish to add my tribute to his worth as a man and a Mason, one whose memory will remain pleasant throughout the years.

R.E. Comp. Walter H. Blight, Grand Scribe N. of Toronto, has also passed to his rest. Those of us who were present at the last Convocation will remember how ill he was and with what patience his sufferings were borne, although he well knew that he was stricken with a mortal malady. Of a naturally cheery disposition, he made friends wherever he went, and by those who knew him best his friendship was the most valued. He was a patriotic citizen, with the highest ideals of citizenship, and when his country called years ago he answered that call, although living in another land. He rendered many and important services to Capitular Masonry, services which will be gratefully remembered. He died as he had lived, a true man, and an exemplary Mason:

Many other members of the Craft have also left us, some perhaps not as well known as those I have mentioned, but who, nevertheless, did their duty nobly in their own spheres, and proved by their lives that they had a true conception of Capitular Masonry. Among these I would like to refer to R.E. Comp. Thomas C. MacNabb, a veteran of the St. Clair district, and after whom the Chapter at Dresden is named; R.E. Comp. George Nelson Rose, of Prince Edward district; R.E. Comp. Richard D. Hall, of Huron district; and R. E. Comp. Richard Roberts, of Algoma district. We cherish their memories, and our hearts go out in sympathy to their friends and bereaved families.

From sister jurisdictions, as under, many gaps occasioned by death have been reported, and many a shining light was thus extinguished. Some of the names are familiar and will live long after "the dust has returned to the earth as it was."

Alabama—Jno. Gideon Harris, P.G.H.P.; Josiah Jernigan, P.G.H.P.

Colorado—John S. Titcomb, P.G.H.P.

Connecticut—Jas. R. Post, P.G.H.P.; John H. Barlow, P.G.H.P.; Dwight Waugh, P.G.H.P.

Florida—Wm. E. Anderson, P.G.H.P.

Illinois—Loyal Levi Munn, P.G.H.P.; Gil W. Bernard, Grand Secretary.

Indiana—Martin H. Rice, P.G.H.P.

Maryland—Chas. McDonald, Jr., P.G.H.P.; Jas. W. Bowers, P.G.H.P.

Michigan—Jas. H. Cummins, P.G.H.P.; Hugh McCurdy, P.G.H.P.

Missouri—Martin Collins, P.G.H.P.

Nebraska—Uriah Chester, G. Chaplain; Chas. A. Holmes, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—Chas. Bechtel, P.G.H.P.; Thos. H. R. Redway, P.G.H.P.; Chas. L. Chovey, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—Robt. V. Hampson, Gr. Treas.

Pennsylvania—Jas. Shallcross Barber, P.G.H.P.

South Carolina—John R. Bellinger, P.G.H.P.

South Dakota—John Henry Babcock, Gr. Chaplain; Henry S. Williams, P.G.H.P.; Bernard C. Jacobs, Gr. Treas.

Texas—Wm. Bramlette, P.G.H.P.; Norton Moses, P.G.H.P.; E. T. Murchison, P.G.H.P.

Wisconsin—Norman C. Daniels, P.G.H.P.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

It gave me some gratification to recommend the name of R.E. Comp. Geo. F. Shepley to fill the vacancy in the representation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which had been worthily held for some years by our late M.E. Comp. Hugh Murray. It also afforded me much pleasure to recommend the appointment of R.E. Comp. William Panton, Milton, to represent the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and R.E. Comp. J. M. Shaw, M.D., Regina, to represent the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

I directed commissions to issue to the following Companions duly nominated to represent this Grand Chapter near those opposite their respective names:

Ohio—R.E. Comp. Ralph R. Rickly, Columbus.

Western Australia—E. Comp. John Stuart, Perth.

Pennsylvania—E. Comp. Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia.

New Hampshire—E. Comp. Frank R. Marston, Farmington.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

Six new Chapters working under dispensation received their charters at last Annual Convocation and have started well in disseminating the good work of the Royal Arch. To M.E. Comp. W. G. Reid, P.G.Z., I am indebted for representing me at the constituting of the Chapter at Ancaster. He was assisted by a number of distinguished Companions from Hamilton, and the impressive function I hope made an auspicious beginning for the young Chapter.

During the year I have issued five dispensations for new Chapters, three in Saskatchewan and two in Ontario, all doing well. Another in the latter province has not yet completed the necessary preliminaries, and its starting will be an early and, I trust, pleasant duty of my successor.

#### JUBILEE "PROCEEDINGS."

The volume of Proceedings of our fiftieth Annual Convocation, which was issued in a few weeks after that event, came as a pleasing surprise to most of us. Its ample proportions, its store of information, and general artistic appearance combined to elicit words of praise wherever I have travelled. It is a lasting memorial of an important event in our history, and from sister jurisdictions across the line, as well as from those of the old lands, expressions of praise and congratulation were abundant. Of special value and much appreciated was the historical sketch contributed by M.E. Comp. J. Ross

Robertson, and which has brought forth widespread commendation. While we may be proud of our memorial volume to-day, it is the generations of Companions yet to come who will gratefully appreciate the labors of our devoted Grand Scribe E. that resulted in its successful compilation and issue.

#### VISITS TO WESTERN CHAPTERS.

I am pleased to say that during the present year I was enabled to visit a number of the Chapters in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, as well as in Manitoba and Ontario. In June last I made a special trip to Regina to pay a visit to Wascana Chapter, No. 121. I was accompanied by R.E. Comp L. T. Macdonald, Grand Superintendent, and R.E. Comp. F. L. Newman, Grand Principal Sojourner. I found the Chapter in a most flourishing condition, and the degrees were conferred in a very impressive manner.

In September, accompanied by M.E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, P.G.Z.; R.E. Comp. L. T. Macdonald, Grand Superintendent, and Past Grand Superintendents Dr. A. S. Gorrell and Dr. J. M. Shaw, I visited Moosejaw and instituted the Chapter there. The conferring of degrees was done by E. Comp. Dr. Meek and the officers of the Regina Chapter. Moosejaw Chapter has started out very auspiciously, and with splendid prospects of success. At Calgary I had the pleasure of visiting Alberta Chapter, No. 106, where the work was done in a very impressive manner by E. Comp. Hill.

#### ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

On the 26th of September I reached Vancouver, where I was cordially received by many Companions. I visited Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, at a large and enthusiastic convocation, where the degrees were conferred in a manner beyond praise by E. Comp Middleton and his officers. At Nanaimo, which I reached on October 1st, I was met by E. Comp. Alexander and his officers, and as there was no work the evening was devoted to



instruction. Both the opening and closing ceremonies were performed in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

I visited Victoria on the 6th of October, accompanied by M.E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, and also by Comp. T. W. F. Norton, of Vancouver, who had also kindly accompanied me to Nanaimo. Here I found a warm welcome from Columbia Chapter, No. 120, Scottish Register, the only one in this jurisdiction not holding to our allegiance. I was kindly received and entertained in the most hospitable manner, and at a later meeting was elected an honorary member, a distinction I appreciate at its full value.

At New Westminster I called on the Scribe E., Sheriff Armstrong, and other officers of New Westminster Chapter, No. 124, and as their meetings had just been held, I decided that it would be best not to call the Companions together again.

At Nelson I met the Grand Superintendent, R.E. Comp. Fred Irvine, and visited with him Nelson Chapter, No. 123. The degrees were conferred by the officers of the Chapter in their usual finished style.

#### IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

In all these three western provinces the Companions have suitable apartments and proper paraphernalia. The work was well done—in fact, I have no hesitation in saying that I have never seen better. The feeling of brotherhood is strong, and the interest in Capitular Masonry intense. I cannot say too much with reference to the kindly way in which I was everywhere received and the hospitality which I everywhere enjoyed. I feel personally grateful for this pleasant welcome, which, however, I cannot but look upon as a tribute of respect for the office of Grand Z. and a token of regard for the Grand Chapter.

#### IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

In Manitoba, in addition to my own Chapter, Prince Rupert, No. 52, which I attended regularly, I visited

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa. The work was impressively rendered by the proper officers. I was accompanied on this visit by R.E. Comp. G. M. Gibbs, of Vancouver.

Since the institution of Atwood Chapter, No. 149, at Rainy River, I have visited it on several occasions. In September last I was there, accompanied by R.E. Comp. Robert Magness, whom I regard as one of the best ritualists in the jurisdiction. On this occasion Comp. Magness and I were the recipients of two handsome silver loving cups, as tokens of regard from the Chapter, gifts which were gratefully accepted.

I also visited during the year the Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton; Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford; Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton; King Solomon's, No. 8, and St. Andrew's and St. John's, No. 4, Toronto. At all these places enthusiastic meetings were held, of which I have pleasant remembrances.

On January 16th last I was invited, along with R.E. Comp. Fred. Harcourt, Grand J., to attend The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, and during the evening was requested to dedicate the "travelling triangle." This emblem, which is devoted to the sacred cause of Freemasonry and the strengthening of fraternal ties throughout the world, sets out on its long journey on the 29th of this month, when it will be taken to Buffalo, accompanied by a hundred members of The St. Patrick Chapter and other visitors, and in that city will be presented to Keystone Chapter, and there started on its message of peace and good-will throughout the continent. On its return, after many years, I understand that it is the intention of The St. Patrick Chapter to present it to Grand Chapter. I wish to congratulate The St. Patrick Chapter on the kindly feeling that has prompted the sending forth of this beautiful emblem, and hope that the object aimed at will be achieved.

As a reminder to the Grand Chapter, in order that the Companions may realize the extent of our jurisdiction, and may, perhaps, appreciate the difficulties that the



Grand Superintendents have to encounter in the western provinces, let me say that in the course of the visits just referred to I have travelled something over eight thousand miles.

### THE MINIMUM FEE.

When last year Grand Chapter decided with such gratifying unanimity to restore the minimum fee for exaltation to the original amount, viz., twenty dollars, it was predicted by one or two in my hearing that the effects would be felt for some time in a reduced revenue and a diminution in numerical accessions. I am glad to state, Companions, that such fear has nothing to support it in the figures presented by the Grand Scribe E. Our receipts from the Chapters are ahead of those of last year, and, taking into account the stringency of the year just closed, the added strength is more than gratifying. I think you will agree with me that in the elevation of the minimum fee Grand Chapter last year made no mistake whatever. It was a recognition of the dignity of the Royal Arch, and the reproach of cheapening the degree can no longer be leveled at us.

### CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

In compliance with the changed conditions, the Chapters were requested, where necessary, to amend their by-laws and submit the same for approval. The response was general, and only in solitary cases was there any disposition to delay. The frequent query as to whether Chapter regalia could be included where the by-law defined the exaltation fee as twenty dollars was, of course, replied to in the negative. Twenty dollars is the lowest Constitutional fee for exaltation. No other enticing feature can be included, and those Chapters which are still hesitating would do well to proceed at once with the requirements of the Constitution.

### DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted during the year about the average number of dispensations of the ordinary character,

mostly to qualify Companions elected to the Principal's Chairs to permit Companions to wear the apron and sash of the order at entertainments held under Masonic auspices, or to attend Divine service, and in a few cases to authorize the working of degrees and the holding of elections or installations at times and dates other than those specified in the by-laws, the reasons advanced being fairly reasonable. Three applications for the postponement of convocations for the latter purposes being submitted I was compelled to refuse, no good reason being given why the regulation governing same should not be adhered to. It is presuming too much on the Grand Z.'s good nature to ask him to assume responsibility for changing the date of an election merely because one or more of the principal officers have made an engagement for some other function on the date of the stated convocation. It is unfair to him and an injustice to the Companions, apart altogether from the serious phase of the question, which involves a violation of a solemn pledge. Unless for causes which are clearly unassailable, no application to interfere with a distinct regulation should come from any Chapter, and I would recommend that in future no application for the dispensing power be considered unless ample reason is set forth in detail and that the First Principal's signature is appended to the application in addition to that of the Scribe E. In this connection I would also recommend the consideration of expunging Sec. 46 of the Constitution, as it is not in harmony with Sec. 118.

#### R. A. CLOTHING AT FUNERALS.

The application, through a Grand Superintendent, for permission to wear Chapter regalia at the funeral of a deceased Companion, led me to the opinion that such clothing is out of place at that ceremony. A Masonic funeral is plainly the function of the blue lodge, and the impressive service indicates that it is as a blue lodge Mason the deceased is interred, no matter what his attainments elsewhere. In my humble opinion, the symbolism of the level is sadly interfered with on such

solemn occasion when anything is displayed to indicate a superiority in degree or position. The Royal Arch has no funeral service, and I do not think, in view of the impressive language of that which is comprised in the beautiful service familiar to us all, that the Royal Arch should be in evidence at all. If you should agree with me on this point it will be necessary to further amend the Constitution.

### PRINCIPALS AND PAST RANK.

Twice during my term of office I have been written to on the subject of the status of a Third or Second Principal who failed for reasons of his own, or otherwise, to advance to the First Principal's Chair and there serve the full term. It was explained, in both instances, that certain Companions thus situated continued to wear the distinctive regalia of a Principal and insisted on being introduced with the prefix "Excellent." In each case I replied that the title "Excellent" is only applied to the Three Principals in office and to him who has passed the First Principal's chair. A Second or Third Principal who fails to attain the latter rank reverts to the position of an ordinary Companion and must abandon the wearing of the distinctive regalia of a Principal. If he has served the full twelve months in the chair of Second or Third Principal, he is eligible for election to the chair above that in which he has already served. That is the only distinction he possesses apart from his fellow-members.

### THE GRAND LECTURER.

On matters pertaining to ceremonial work and ritual I have been appealed to on several occasions during my term. I also find that the Grand Scribe E. is frequently in request, as are also the Grand Superintendents of districts, while the proper officer to whom such questions should be addressed is rarely, if ever, troubled on such matters. The Constitution, Sec. 53, makes it very plain that the Grand Lecturer is the custodian of the authorized work of this Grand body, and to that officer all ques-

tions requiring solution should be submitted. The Constitution provides that the Grand Lecturer is at the call of any Chapter desiring instruction, an important provision that seems to be lost sight of, and as on his shoulders rests the responsibility for accuracy in working, whensoever his services are demanded, I would suggest that the Chapters be reminded of his duties, and, where Chapters of Instruction are held, that his services are indispensably necessary and should be secured under the terms included in the section referred to. The instructions to the newly-appointed Grand Superintendents at each Annual Grand Convocation should be under the authority and personal supervision of the Grand Lecturer. The uniformity in working of which we boast is largely due to the good efforts of the Grand Superintendents, but points of difference must necessarily arise where distance precludes a close intercourse. The court of appeal in such cases is not the Grand Z. or any other officer but he to whom is entrusted the custody of the authorized work, viz., the Grand Lecturer, and who may be always communicated with through the office of the Grand Scribe E.

#### A DESERVING COMPANION.

My visit to British Columbia has fully convinced me both of the appropriateness and the wisdom of the suggestion I made in my address of last year as to the justice of this Grand Chapter recognizing in some tangible way the invaluable services of R.E. Comp. Harry H. Watson, of Vancouver. I have seen what he has done in British Columbia; I have talked with the Companions there, who acknowledge to the full his services and his worth, and I would recommend that this Grand Chapter confer upon him the rank of Past Grand First Principal. This will be not only a fitting expression of our appreciation of his twenty years of labour in the interests of the Royal Craft, which will do honor to ourselves, but will be a source of gratification to the Companions on the Pacific Coast. There are many others who have done yeoman service in British Columbia, but all will agree

that R.E. Comp. Watson is peculiarly worthy of recognition. I strongly commend this suggestion to the consideration of Grand Chapter.

#### A CALL FROM THE WEST.

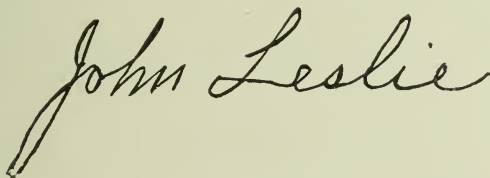
I wish again to express my personal thanks to the Grand Scribe E. for his invaluable assistance, without which the duties of my office would have been much less pleasant and much more onerous. Wherever I have visited during the past year I have had the most kindly inquiries as to the welfare of Companion George J. Bennett, and many who have not met him personally, but to whom he is very familiar by correspondence, have expressed a wish to have that pleasure in the immediate future. I would recommend that this Grand Chapter should request the Grand Scribe E. to visit the Chapters west of and including Sault Ste. Marie at such time as he may find it most convenient during the coming year. There is no necessity for me to urge the benefits that would accrue to this Grand Chapter should this proposal be carried out, but I would like to say just as emphatically as I can that I know of nothing that would have a greater effect in strengthening the already cordial ties that bind our jurisdiction together than a personal visit from the Grand Scribe E. I well understand that in proposing this visit I am asking Companion Bennett to undertake an arduous task, but he has never yet shirked the call of duty, and in this case the call is clear, unanimous and distinct.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, in conclusion let me say that during this year I have had it borne in upon me as perhaps never before the immensity of this Canada of ours, the almost illimitable extent of its resources, and the boundless opportunities that it affords to those who are ready to grasp them; and, in addition, I am impressed with the responsibilities that rest upon the citizens of this country in its upbuilding and development. We are now but at the beginning of our history,

at the threshold of our national life. What the present century will bring forth no one can tell; the imagination itself staggers at the possibilities. It is a trite saying, oft repeated but none the less true on that account, that a nation is no greater than the men who compose it. It is the duty of us, as Royal Arch Masons, to help to lay broad and deep the foundations of this new land, not alone upon material, but along intellectual, moral and spiritual lines. An institution, as a nation, is judged by the work that it accomplishes. We must stand or fall not by what we say, but by what we do. If we are true to the sacred teachings of our order, we will stand forth as worthy examples and play a part, and that not a mean one, in the great work that is to be done. The principles are there, beautiful and true; the practice is for us. Let us be faithful to the best that Capitular Masonry teaches. If we are, our noble Craft will be exalted, we ourselves will have lived up to the best that is in us, and the citizens of the future will rise up and call us blessed.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Leslie". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

*Grand Z.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

*Resolved:*—That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.



## ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

COMPANIONS,—I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1908. I deeply regret that owing to my illness I have been unable to make my visits personally, but received permission from R.E. the Grand Scribe E. for E. Comp. Christiansen and P. G. S. Revell to officially visit the different Chapters for me. They report all Chapters in the district, with one exception, as doing excellent work, and the officers all able and efficient men.

LORNE CHAPTER, U. D., WEST LORNE.—Early in the spring the Companions of West Lorne applied, through me, for a dispensation to start a Chapter, to be known as "Lorne." After all the preliminary work was through, E. Comp. Christiansen, who was acting in my place on account of my illness, proceeded to West Lorne, instituted, and installed the officers. They deserve great credit for the manner in which they furnished their Chapter. Comp. Milner has taken a great interest in its formation, and deserves all praise. He telegraphed me enquiring if I could get a Chapter to work the different degrees on several candidates on Dec. 4th. I asked the Chatham Companions, and they readily agreed to go, although E. Comp. Smith was sick; but E. Comp. Crum took his place and conferred the several degrees in a very creditable manner, while E. Comp. Christiansen gave the mystical lecture. The prospects for "Lorne" are the very best, and the books are well kept. This Chapter is working under a dispensation, and E. Comp. Christiansen and myself strongly recommend it for a charter at the next meeting of Grand Chapter.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47. CHATHAM.—E. Comp. Christiansen visited this Chapter on Dec. 3rd and was warmly received by the Companions. They were sorry to report that E. Comp. Smith was sick. E. Comp. Crum worked the M. M. M. on two candi-



dates in a very impressive manner. Chatham has one of the most active Chapters in the district, and the prospects for the coming year are the very best, while Comp. Alex. Gregory, Scribe E., is the right man in the right place. The meetings are well attended, both regular and emergent.

MACNABE CHAPTER, NO. 88, DRESDEN.—Ex. Comp. Christiansen visited this Chapter on Jan. 7, and was received with the usual cordiality. There were two candidates for the R. A. degree. This work was fairly done, but showed lack of practice; some corrections were made. The officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and the Chapter has a bright future, as all the officers are capable and well qualified. The books are carefully kept by Comp. J. B. Carscallen. At the close of the meeting a banquet was served, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 119, LEAMINGTON.—This Chapter was officially visited on Jan. 13th. E. Comp. Christiansen speaks in glowing terms of the hearty reception he received, and of their fine Chapter room and furnishings. He installed the Second Principal and P. Sojourner. The books are ably looked after by Comp. R. A. Rowley. The officers were all re-elected. The prospects of this Chapter are exceedingly good.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—This being my mother Chapter, I attended several meetings, and always found the work done by E. Comp. Dixon and his officers to be a great credit to the Chapter. In May I was taken sick, and have not been able to visit the Chapter since. On Jan. 8th, E. Comp. Christiansen officially visited the Chapter and installed the officers, there being present First Principal Haggard, of Ark Chapter, and Comps. Gatfield and Maisey. Prince of Wales has a bright future. At the close of the meeting the members retired to the banquet room, where supper was served, and the usual toasts followed.

ARK CHAPTER, NO. 80, WINDSOR.—This Chapter was officially visited for me, on Jan. 14th, by Past Grand

Supt. Revell, who reports as follows: Every officer was in his place and performed his duties in such a manner as to show perfect familiarity with the entire details. Besides R. E. Comp. Koellen, V. E. Comp. Burnie, E. Comps. McLeod and Nairn, a number of Companions were present. The regular business, which included grants to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, and the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, was promptly despatched, when the election of officers was proceeded with, and from the selections made I can with confidence predict a successful year for the Chapter, with an excellence of degree work. There has been a good average attendance at the meetings, both regular and emergent. The secretarial duties are most ably and promptly performed by the Scribe E., Comp. Albert E. Edgar, and the dues are promptly collected. The retiring officers were capable in every particular, conferring the several degrees with an impressiveness and perfection seldom equalled.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, RIDGETOWN.—I regret to say that I was unable to make arrangements to visit this Chapter. They had had their regular meeting in December, and claimed, on account of the bad roads, they could not hold any meetings in January.

I desire to thank the district for the honor conferred on me at last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the many kindnesses bestowed on E. Comp. Christiansen on his official visits, which he will always remember with a great deal of pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY A. HACKETT,

*Grand Supt. of St. Clair District, No. 1.*

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

| CHAPTER.      | Number. | LOCATION.     | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members. | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in <sup>4</sup> Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended <sup>5</sup> in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ? |  |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Wellington... | 47      | Chatham.....  | 10                | 9         | 19     | 16                          | 2                            | 2.00                     | 129                      | 32                  | 19                    | ...           | ...           | 4            | ...          | 1       | 143                 | 19           | 19           | 19         | ...                                          | 100.00       | ...     | 380.00              | ...       | 250.00            | 200.00           | ...                                      | ...        | Good Yes.                     |  |
| King Cyrus... | 419     | Leamington... | 7                 | 7         | 11     | ...                         | 2.00                         | 76                       | 1                        | 1                   | ...                   | ...           | ...           | ...          | 1            | 76      | 1                   | ...          | 47           | ...        | 629.10                                       | 117.00       | 350.00  | 162.10              | 225.00    | 5.00              | Fair Yes.        |                                          |            |                               |  |
| Erie.....     | 73      | Ridgetown...  | 7                 | 7         | 15     | ...                         | 1.50                         | 60                       | ...                      | ...                 | 8                     | 1             | ...           | ...          | 51           | ...     | 25                  | ...          | ...          | 100.00     | ...                                          | 930.80       | 127.30  | 600.00              | 75.00     | 175.00            | ...              | Good Yes.                                |            |                               |  |
| Ark.....      | 80      | Windsor.....  | 9                 | 9         | 18     | 23                          | 2                            | 3.00                     | 151                      | 14                  | 17                    | 1             | 1             | 1            | 4            | 2       | 163                 | 17           | 17           | 19         | 19                                           | ...          | 263.25  | 25.00               | 250.00    | 203.50            | 300.00           | 35.00                                    | Ex. Yes    |                               |  |
| Pr. of Wales  | 71      | Amherstburg.  | 9                 | 9         | 17     | 16                          | 2                            | 2.00                     | 86                       | 1                   | 7                     | ...           | ...           | ...          | ...          | 93      | 7                   | 6            | 6            | 30         | ...                                          | ...          | 25.00   | 250.00              | 150.00    | 800.00            | 25.00            | Good Yes.                                |            |                               |  |
| Lorne.....    | U.D.    | West Lorne.   | 6                 | 2         | 8      | 25                          | 6                            | ...                      | 28                       | 24                  | ...                   | ...           | ...           | ...          | ...          | 35      | 24                  | 24           | 24           | ...        | 52.36                                        | 250.00       | ...     | ...                 | 18.75     | ...               | ...              | Good Yes.                                |            |                               |  |
| MacNabb....   | 88      | Dresden.....  | 9                 | 3         | 12     | 21                          | 2                            | 1.45                     | 69                       | 9                   | 9                     | ...           | 1             | ...          | 1            | 78      | 9                   | ...          | 5            | 23         | ...                                          | ...          | 41.00   | ...                 | 50.00     | ...               | 20.00            | Good Yes.                                |            |                               |  |

## LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Officers  
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of  
Canada:*

I take great pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London district, No. 2, during my tenure of office, which expired on the 27th of January, 1909.

When first my election by the Companions of this district had been declared, I at once realized how great was the responsibility, and also of my inability to manage the district as is necessary for anyone who has been so highly honored by his Companions.

The pathway appeared at first rough and rugged, but I am glad to report that I really found it easy to travel, for the Grand Superintendents of this district in the past had so thoroughly performed their duties that the task was not arduous, but rather one of pleasure.

I must also thank the many Companions who accompanied me and gave such valuable assistance when I was visiting the different Chapters officially. During the year, peace and harmony in the district has prevailed. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

During the year I have received various circulars from the Grand Scribe E., conveying to me the M. E. the Grand Z.'s rulings, all of which I communicated either verbally when visiting Chapters, or by circular to all Chapters in the district, thereby endeavoring to bring such rulings into immediate force.

This district has an ideal; that ideal is perfection; and while perfection may persistently elude our grasp, yet we come very near the goal of our ambition by Arch Mason should have before him this ideal of perfect-keeping in view the object sought after. Every Royal tion; for even though unattainable, the benefits derived from the striving after it are of inestimable value.

Therefore, believing that much benefit would accrue to the Royal Craft of this district, I decided to hold a "Chapter of Instruction," which, in my way of thinking, was a decided success. In the latter part of October, therefore, I summoned the Principal Officers and Scribes E. of the three London Chapters to attend me in the parlors of the Tecumseh House of that city, and was pleased to find that all but one of those summoned were present. To this assembly I briefly stated my desires, not a dissenting voice being raised in objection; and it was therefore decided to hold a "Chapter of Instruction" in the city of London, on Monday, November 30th, afternoon and evening. I made it incumbent upon the three London Chapters to do all the degree work for this occasion, and at a subsequent committee meeting the several degrees were apportioned to the officers of St. John's, St. George's and London Chapters, respectively. I cannot find words to express my appreciation of the efforts of the officers and Companions of the London Chapters for the enthusiastic manner in which they took hold of this work, and I will always have a keen remembrance of that particular occasion. At the Chapter of Instruction the work was done in a thoroughly efficient manner, and I know much good will result, for after the exemplification of each degree, an interesting discussion took place regarding several of the floor movements of the officers, etc. The rendition of the ceremonial work generally evoked the most favorable comment. As was expected, many men prominent in Capitular Masonry, as well as in other spheres, at some personal inconvenience in many cases, were present, as they considered the cause well worthy of some extra effort, and to them also I desire to extend my thanks for their co-operation.

Grand Chapter was well represented, and much valuable advice was given by R. E. Comps. George Moore, Hamilton, Grand Second Principal, and F. W. Harcourt, Grand Third Principal. Among others of the three hundred present on the occasion, as every individual Chapter was represented, who graced the east with their presence, were: M. E. Comp. Michael Walsh, Ingersoll;

P. G. Z. and R. E. Comps. Geo. Moore, F. W. Harcourt, Judge D. F. MacWatt, Aubrey White, V. E. Comp. U. A. Buchner and R. E. Comps. R. W. Evans, W. A. Wilson, John Graham, A. E. Cooper, Henry Roe, P. W. D. Broderick and J. H. Argue.

After labor, a very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table; instructive addresses were delivered by R. E. Comps. George Moore, F. W. Harcourt, Judge MacWatt, Aubrey White and M. E. Comp. Michael Walsh and others.

Let me once more express my hearty and deep-felt thanks for the aid extended to me by the London Companions on this occasion, and to the Companions generally throughout the district, not only for their kind consideration during my visits, but also for their co-operation and good-will towards electing me to be Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMER.—This was my first official visit. Accompanied by E. Comps. Bond, Leitch, Minshall, and Comps. Hastings, Savags and Fisher, I visited this Chapter on Friday, February 28th, and was greeted by E. Comp. Dalton, R. E. Comps. S. S. Clutton, W. W. Rutherford and G. F. Clark, and a goodly number of the Companions.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a faultless manner by E. Comp. J. H. Dalton and his excellent staff of officers. E. Comp. W. J. Fear, as Principal Sojourner, elicited words of admiration from all present.

This Chapter is noted for the very efficient manner in which the work of the several degrees is performed. The Scribe E., Comp. J. E. Richards, is a very careful official and the books are in good condition.

A very enjoyable banquet, with an interesting toast list, closed the meeting.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—I officially visited this Chapter on Tuesday, March 10th, and was warmly received by E. Comp. S. S. Donaldson and his



staff of officers and Companions. Owing to the condition of the roads at that particular time, the membership being largely from the surrounding country, and although there is no dearth of work in this Chapter, a number, including the candidate, failed to put in an appearance; consequently there was no degree work on this occasion, but a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent discussing many points in connection with the degrees, and many subjects for the good and welfare of the Chapter.

My visits to this Chapter on other occasions have proven conclusively that E. Comp. Donaldson and his officers have the work well in hand. R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, Immediate Past Grand Superintendent, as Scribe E., performs the duties appertaining to that office in a most efficient manner. An excellently prepared supper, followed by speeches and song, brought the evening to a close.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—This, my own Chapter, I visited officially, Thursday, March 12th, and was greeted by a very large attendance. I was introduced by R. E. Comps. Henry Roe and S. Dubber, and the reception that was tendered me was indeed a loyal one.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, needs no recommendation from me; the work has been consistently good; the calibre of its officers is most assuring; the unflagging interest of the old Past Principals in the Chapter's affairs is an ever-present asset. One of Palestine's most valuable and valued possessions is her Scribe E., in the person of V. E. Comp. W. E. Idsardi.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, PETROLEA.—I was received most kindly on my visit to Bruce Chapter on Wednesday, April 15th, whither I was escorted by a large number of Companions. E. Comp. C. F. Reid, the First Principal, is a careful, painstaking and efficient officer, so that the Royal Arch degree conferred that evening was exemplified in a faultless manner. The work of this Chapter is good, generally; the financial standing is good, and the



material good. V. E. Comp. John Sinclair, as Scribe E., is a perfect ritualist, never misses a meeting, and lends valuable assistance year by year.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, No. 153, SOMBRA.—It was with some feeling of trepidation and uncertainty that I started out on an official visit to Sombra Chapter on Wednesday, May 13th. I left home on the 13th day of the month, travelled on train No. 13, which was drawn by engine 13, and was seated in coach 13, and I have wondered since how I ever got through the evening's proceedings. I felt apprehensive, too, of the disagreeable, though possible, necessity of reporting unfavorably on a baby Chapter, and it was with great relief and joy that I saw the earnest work and vigorous enthusiasm of the few who have the future of the Chapter in their hands. I was more particularly struck with the good qualities and capabilities of the younger members and junior officers, and although there was no degree work that night, I am fully assured that the work has been satisfactory. No more enthusiastic officers, either in Symbolic or Capitular Masonry, exist in the district. The monthly notices are punctually mailed, and the affairs of the Chapter are in good hands, in the person of Comp. J. Gordon Dalgety, the Scribe E.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL.—I officially visited Minnewawa Chapter on the evening of November 9th, and was greeted in a most loyal manner by a large number of Companions. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and I was much impressed with its exemplification. E. Comp. Dr. Fraser, the First Principal, is an ardent Mason, and has devoted much time and conscientious labor to every office which he has accepted, to better enable him to discharge his duties with credit and ability. The subordinate officers have their work well in hand. R. E. Comp. Dr. Caw and E. Comp. George Sutherland are always present and render valuable assistance. The interest evinced by the Companions is shown by the fact that, although many have long distances to travel, the monthly attendance is good and above the average. When the Chapter was

closed, the officers and Companions repaired to the supper room, where a most enjoyable two hours were spent. I am safe in saying that the reception which was tendered the Grand Superintendent by this Chapter was the most loyal and most elaborate that could be accorded any representative from the Grand body. I will always remember my official visit to Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, NO. 15, SARNIA.—On Friday, November 15th, I visited this Chapter officially. A party of seven of us left St. Thomas for Sarnia by way of London. Owing to an unnoticed change in the railway timetable, we failed to make connection. There happened to be a fast freight train due out of London for Sarnia, which the Companions boarded. Being a little sceptical, I myself retraced my steps to St. Thomas and caught the afternoon express. The result was that I was the only one to reach Sarnia in time for the meeting that night. I was greeted by a full Chapter room. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Judge MacWatt, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon several candidates, and I was pleased to see the correct and impressive way in which the entire staff did their work. This Chapter is second numerically in the district, and is very progressive. The Chapter room is one of the best-appointed in the district. E. Comp. W. J. Berry, the First Principal, is afforded splendid assistance by his Second and Third Principals. E. Comp. Wanless, the Scribe E., was absent, and I was sorry I could not inspect his books, but I have no doubt they are well kept.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, NO. 5, LONDON.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Tuesday, November 24th, accompanied by several Companions from St. Thomas. and was warmly received by E. Comp. Barnard and a large number of Companions.

The officers for the ensuing twelve months were elected. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on several candidates, and I must say the work was well done. This Chapter has enjoyed a prosperous year, and with the amount of work in sight, there is no room for

doubt as to the future success of St. George's Chapter. E. Comp. William Spittal is an expert as Scribe E., and is responsible for one of the neatest-kept sets of books that one could find anywhere.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, LONDON.—This Chapter was visited on Wednesday, Nov. 25th. It is in many respects a model one, and is the first Chapter in the district.

One is not here met with the excuse for a small attendance. It is large numerically. There was a large and representative attendance on the occasion of this, my official visit. The Chapter has a tradition for doing good work, and lives up to it. I had pleasure in meeting R. E. Comps. John Graham, R. W. Evans and U. A. Buchner. E. Comps. Tambling as First Principal, and Oke and Simmie as Second and Third Principals, respectively, and their staff of officers, conferred the Royal Arch degree in a faultless manner. R. E. Comp. Ellwood, as Scribe E., at much personal sacrifice, is always present. There is no more courteous or painstaking secretary in the district, and, needless to say, the books are well kept.

LONDON CHAPTER No. 150, LONDON.—My next official visit was to London Chapter, on Friday evening, November 27th, their regular convocation. I was pleased to meet R. E. Comp. Buchner and R. E. Comp. Tancock at this meeting. The attendance of members was exceedingly good. I was cordially received and welcomed by First Principal Johnson, his staff of officers, and Companions. This was the occasion of the annual election, after which the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner which reflects great credit upon all the officers. I was pleased to note that every officer and Companion in the Chapter room was fully clothed as a Royal Arch Mason, something I had not seen at any other Chapter in the district. I had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting a Past First Principal's jewel to E. Comp. C. C. Reed, the Scribe E., and E. Comp. Baker, who, in addition, received a beautifully illuminated address. This

is one of the youngest Chapters in the district, has a growing membership, and bids fair to become one of the foremost. The utmost harmony prevails between the officers and members of the three Chapters in London.

In conclusion, I have to report that uniformity has been the object in all my visits, and I believe the Chapters of the district are maintaining this important essential of the work.

Finally, I wish to thank the Companions of the London District, No. 2, for the honor conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, an honor which I have striven to deserve, and which I hope to pass on unblemished to my successor. I sincerely trust that the companionship and brotherly love that prevails now in this district may continue and abide forever.

Fraternally submitted,

E. WILBUR HONSINGER,

*Grand Supt. London District, No. 2.*

# LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

| CHAPTER.      | Number. | LOCATION.   | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members. | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce. | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z work all Degrees? |      |
|---------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------|
| St. John's... | 3       | London....  | 10                | 2         | 12     | 30                          | 5                            | 2.00                     | 270                      | 35                  | 33                   | ..            | 1             | 1            | ..           | ..      | 304                 | 33           | 36           | 33         | ..                              | .....        | \$      | \$                  | \$        | \$               | \$                | \$                           | 40.00      | Ex.                         | Yes  |
| St. George's. | 5       | London....  | 11                | 4         | 15     | 32                          | 15                           | 2.00                     | 147                      | 31                  | 25                   | 2             | ..            | ..           | 4            | ..      | 1                   | 175          | 21           | 20         | 20                              | 56           | .....   | .....               | .....     | .....            | 261.00            | 300.00                       | 15.00      | A1                          | Yes. |
| Wawanosh..    | 15      | Sarnia....  | 9                 | ..        | 9      | 25                          | ..                           | 2.00                     | 224                      | 18                  | 12                   | ..            | ..            | 4            | ..           | 1       | 1232                | 12           | 9            | 8          | ..                              | .....        | .....   | .....               | .....     | .....            | Jointly           | 25.00                        | A1         | Yes.                        |      |
| Bruce.....    | 53      | Petrolia... | 10                | 1         | 11     | 11                          | 1                            | 2.00                     | 99                       | 4                   | 4                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 3                   | 100          | 4            | 4          | 16                              | .....        | 520.00  | Cash                | .....     | .....            | 120.00            | 250.00                       | 15.00      | Good                        | Yes. |
| Palestine...  | 54      | St. Thomas  | 10                | 1         | 11     | 26                          | 1                            | 1.00                     | 203                      | 9                   | 6                    | ..            | ..            | 2            | 2            | 2       | 203                 | 6            | 5            | 9          | 7                               | .....        | .....   | 415.00              | 400.00    | 38.00            | 300.00            | 15.00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Beaver.....   | 74      | Strathroy.. | 12                | ..        | 12     | 18                          | 2                            | 2.00                     | 59                       | 12                  | 12                   | 1             | ..            | ..           | ..           | 1       | 71                  | 12           | 12           | 10         | 4                               | .....        | .....   | 150.00              | 525.00    | 10.00            | 350.00            | 10.00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Minnewawa.    | 78      | Parkhill... | 6                 | 4         | 10     | 14                          | 1                            | 1.50                     | 72                       | 10                  | 10                   | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 82                  | 10           | 10           | 11         | 31                              | .....        | .....   | 50.00               | 100.00    | 132.50           | Jointly           | .....                        | Good       | Yes                         |      |
| Aylmer.....   | 81      | Aylmer....  | 3                 | 10        | 13     | 20                          | 2                            | 2.00                     | 78                       | 10                  | 10                   | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | 2       | 86                  | 10           | 10           | 8          | 8                               | .....        | 50.00   | .....               | 300.00    | 40.00            | .....             | 40.00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| London.....   | 150     | London....  | 10                | ..        | 10     | 30                          | 6                            | 2.00                     | 77                       | 13                  | 12                   | ..            | ..            | 2            | ..           | ..      | 87                  | 12           | 12           | 12         | 28                              | .....        | 430.00  | 30.00               | 400.00    | 60.00            | 300.00            | 30.00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Sombra....    | 153     | Sombra....  | 8                 | 8         | 16     | 17                          | 1                            | 2.00                     | 38                       | 10                  | 10                   | ..            | ..            | 1            | ..           | ..      | 47                  | 10           | 12           | 13         | 1                               | 20.25        | .....   | 123.40              | 500.00    | 63.65            | 300.00            | 5.00                         | Ex         | Yes.                        |      |

## WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Wilson District, No. 3. I have visited every Chapter in the district, and am very pleased to state that the greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevails in every Chapter. On every visit I have been received and entertained in the most kindly and fraternal manner, making every such visit a very pleasant memory.

I am pleased to report that good progress has been made during the year, and the work preformed with fair uniformity. I accepted office with the determination to perform the duties to the best of my judgment and ability, with what success I leave it with the Chapters to decide.

HARRIS CHAPTER, NO. 41, INGERSOLL.—On the 15th November I paid my official visit to this live Chapter. I was met at the train by E. Comp. J. Revel and others, and I must thank the officers and Companions generally for their great kindness to me on my first official visit to any Chapter. I was introduced to the Companions by M. E. Comp. M. Walsh, P. G. Z. To his counsel and assistance is due much of the prosperity attendant upon Harris Chapter in the past. I found the books of the Chapter kept in a correct and perfect manner, and I must congratulate the S. E. Comp. J. F. Williams not only on his books, but for the way he keeps the dues collected up to date. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers on six candidates in a manner equal to any Chapter work in this district, showing that the officers of Harris Chapter have the good of the Royal Arch Masonry at heart, and that they have had a good, progressive year. At the close of the Chapter, we adjourned to a splendid banquet at the hotel of E. Comp. R. Reid, and a good time was spent in speech and song until it was train time, alas, all too soon.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No 78, WOODSTOCK.—I visited Oxford Chapter on November 20th, and was accorded a



heartly welcome by the officers and Companions, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Dutton and his officers in a most satisfactory manner. Particular reference is due V. E. Comp. Karn for his expressive rendering of one of the most beautiful parts of our ritualistic work. It was beyond criticism. This Chapter is progressive, the books are well kept, and the Companions are to be congratulated on their spacious and comfortable apartments. The banquet which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD.—This is my mother Chapter, and while I have attended every meeting during the year, I paid my official visit on December 4th, and was right royally received by the Companions, of whom there was a good attendance, and also of visiting Companions. As I have observed the working during the year, I can vouch that all the officers do their duty well. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on a candidate by E. Comp. Hay and his officers in a manner which only calls for praise. The prospects for Mount Horeb are excellent; the officers and members are enthusiastic and the books of the Chapter, under the care of Comp. Thos. Kerr, are kept in his usual neat and admirable manner. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where, after partaking of the good things provided, a very pleasant hour was spent in speech and song, which brought to a close one of the many pleasant evenings I have spent with the Companions of good Mount Horeb.

BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS.—Accompanied by Comps. Blain and Barnett and a number of the Brantford Companions, I visited Brant Chapter on the evening of December 7th, and after having been cordially received and welcomed by the officers and members, had the pleasure of witnessing the M. M. M. degree conferred on a candidate in a most accurate and impressive manner by E. Comp. Hare and his staff of officers. Each and every officer did his work well. They still keep up the reputation Brant Chapter has achieved of always doing good



work. The Chapter is fortunate in the possession of such experienced, enthusiastic and capable workers as R. E. Comp. Smiley, E. Comp. Inksater and others, who are faithful in their attendance, and by their counsel and support aid the good work of the officers. I found the books of the Chapter kept in a correct style.

The prospects for Brant Chapter are bright. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comps. Porteous and Cowan, of Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt. After the closing, a banquet was held, and a most successful and pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

EZRA CHAPTER, NO. 23, SIMCOE.—This Chapter is strong in numbers, material and equipment, and is fortunate in the possession of such experienced, enthusiastic and capable workers as R. E. Comps. Christie, Reid and others, who are faithful in their attendance, and by their active assistance keep alive the enthusiasm of the members. On Dec. 10th, the evening of my official visit, I was met at the train by Comp. J. Porter. A very large number of Companions was present, as well as many visitors from near-by Chapters. I was introduced to the Companions by R. E. Comp. Reid, and was right royally received by the Comps. I had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the Royal Arch degree performed by E. Comp. Wallace and his officers in such a manner as should satisfy any inspecting Grand Chapter officer. Capitular Masonry will, without a doubt, flourish in Simcoe in the future as it has for many years in the past. At the close we adjourned to a splendid repast in the banquet hall, and a most enjoyable hour was spent in speech and song. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Wilson district for the honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, as well as for the most cordial welcome extended by the officers and Companions of the various Chapters which I had the pleasure to visit.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. McCORMACK,  
*Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.*

# WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

| CHAPTER.    | Number. | LOCATION.     | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members. | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ? |        |       |      |      |
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| Oxford..... | 18      | Woodstock..   | 9                 | 3         | 12     | 13                          | 2                            | 2.00                     | 63                       | 5                   | 5             | ..            | ..           | 1            | 5       | ..                 | 56           | 5            | 5          | 4                               | 36           | \$      | 500.00              | 80.00     | \$                | 420.00            | \$                          | 142.00     | \$                            | 350.00 | ..... | Good | Yes. |
| Mount Horeb | 20      | Brantford...  | 11                | 7         | 18     | 23                          | 1                            | 2.00                     | 138                      | 27                  | 24            | 3             | ..           | ..           | 1       | 163                | 24           | 24           | 24         | 6                               | ..           | 1373.60 | 536.85              | 200.00    | 36.67             | 800.00            | 10.00                       | Good       | Yes                           |        |       |      |      |
| Ezra.....   | 23      | Simcoe.....   | 8                 | 4         | 12     | 18                          | 1                            | 2.00                     | 139                      | 7                   | 7             | ..            | ..           | 2            | 4       | 1                  | 139          | 7            | 5          | 5                               | 15           | ..      | 400.00              | 100.00    | 300.00            | ..                | ..                          | 300.00     | 100.00                        | Good   | Yes.  |      |      |
| Harris..... | 41      | Ingersoll ... | 11                | 1         | 12     | 12                          | 1                            | 2.00                     | 60                       | 14                  | 6             | ..            | 1            | ..           | ..      | 65                 | 6            | 7            | 9          | 20                              | 30.00        | .....   | 125.00              | 300.00    | 45.00             | 200.00            | 5.00                        | Good       | Yes.                          |        |       |      |      |
| Brant.....  | 115     | Paris.....    | 8                 | ..        | 8      | 13                          | 1                            | 3.00                     | 52                       | 4                   | 5             | ..            | ..           | 3            | ..      | 1                  | 53           | 5            | 4          | 4                               | ..           | 240.00  | 130.00              | 50.00     | 60.00             | 200.00            | 5.00                        | Good       | Yes.                          |        |       |      |      |

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year 1908.

I have visited all the Chapters in the district, namely, Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph; Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston; Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on October 5th. There was no degree work. Just opened the Chapter and received the Grand Superintendent with honors, and closed, after which a light lunch was passed around.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—I made my official visit to Galt on Oct. 12th, and was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Wm. Oelschlager and E. Comp. I. Walker. After cordial greeting in the reception room by the Companions, the Chapter was opened in proper form by E. Comp. Secord, who subsequently exemplified the M. M. M. degree, which was well done. The business of the Chapter being completed, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a tempting spread was done full justice to.

BERLIN CHAPTER, NO. 117, BERLIN.—I made my official visit to this Chapter, of which I am a member, on October 16th. Having no work to put on, the routine business was gone through with. After closing the Chapter, a very pleasant hour was spent with the Companions.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—I made my official visit to Guelph Chapter on November 13th, and received a very cordial welcome from the Companions.

No degree work being put on, the Chapter was closed, after which a very pleasant hour was enjoyed in the banquet room.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—I made my official visit to Ionic Chapter on November 16th. There was no degree work, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. I have no doubt but that the officers elected will give a good account of themselves during the coming year. A very pleasant time was spent by the Companions after the Chapter closed.

Generally speaking, the standing of the Chapters in this district is fair. There is plenty of room for improvement in the working and in increasing the membership. The Companions would take more interest in their Chapters by attending regularly, and by having something doing that would awaken interest in every Companion. It rests with the Principals to make their Chapter a success.

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. H. WALKER,  
*Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.*

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

| CHAPTER.     |              | Number. |   | LOCATION. |    | Regular Meetings. |      | Emergent. |   | Total. |    | Average Attendance Members. |   | Average Attendance Visitors. |    | Annual Dues, per Member. |   | No. Members last Return. |   | Petitions Accepted. |    | Candidates Initiated. |    | Affiliations. |    | Restorations. |    | Withdrawals. |    | Suspensions. |    | Deaths. |    | Present Membership. |    | M.M.M. Conf. |    | M.E.M. Conf. |    | R.A. Conf. |    | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears |    | Liabilities. |    | Assets. |    | Cash or Securities. |    | Property. |    | Dues Outstanding. |    | Amount Insurance. |    | Amount Expended in Benev'ce. |    | Prospects. |    | Can Ex. 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## HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1908. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the several Chapters in the district, by electing me to such a high and responsible position.

The statistical report shows a year of fairly steady progress in the various Chapters, with, however, one exception. The officers generally are able men, well skilled, and filled with enthusiasm for the good of Capitular Masonry in general, and their own Chapters in particular.

The several Scribes E. are beyond reproach, and being mostly old Grand Chapter officers, are especially efficient for their position, and towers of strength to their Chapters. The books generally are well and carefully kept throughout the district, and the finances are in a healthy state. In short, Capitular Masonry in the fifth district generally is in a flourishing condition. The work is well done, in a uniform manner, and the prospects for future growth are excellent. This district is emphatically all right.

In compliance with the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I beg to report that each Chapter in the district has furnished itself with printed copies of approved by-laws, and that same is presented with a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution to every candidate on his admission. And further, that each Chapter has filed a copy of its by-laws in the office of the Grand Scribe E., as instructed.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.—This, my own Chapter, I visited officially, at the request of the First Principal, on Nov. 26th, and conducted the election of



officers for the ensuing year. The election was practically unanimous, and the officers elected will doubtless maintain the high standard of their predecessors. The attendance was unfortunately marred somewhat by the bad condition of the country roads, which prevented the attendance of those members, and there are many, who reside some distance away. The Mark degree was conferred in an able manner by E. Comp. Irving and his associate officers. R. E. Comp. William Panton, one of the fathers of the Chapter, has been Scribe E. for many years, and his unflagging zeal in the interests of the Chapter is a most valuable asset. St. Clair has the honor of including among its charter members the M. E. the Grand Z. At the close of the Chapter, the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall and spent an enjoyable social hour. St. Clair has had a fairly good year, and the prospects are good.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—This, the oldest Chapter of the district, I visited officially on Nov. 27th, accompanied by the R. E. the Grand H., and at the request of the First Principal, presided at the election of officers. As is usually the case, the several officers were unanimously elected, which not only augurs well for the Chapter, but shows that the assiduity and zeal displayed in their respective positions merited their promotion, and met with the approval of the Chapter. The Mark degree was conferred in that able manner for which Hiram is noted. The Chapter is particularly fortunate in having for its Scribe E. V. E. Comp. Geo. H. Lanigan, who has held the position for some years, and to whose endeavors the prosperity and progress of the Chapter is largely due. At the close of the Chapter a special social hour was spent in the banqueting hall, with an excellent programme of songs and speeches.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 6, HAMILTON.—This Chapter evidently stands high in the affections of its members, as they speak of it as "Dear old St. John's." My official visit was paid at the annual Convocation, on Dec. 10th, and at the request of the First Principal, conducted the election of officers. The election was

practically unanimous, and without a doubt the new officers will uphold the Chapter's reputation for work that is second to none. St. John's has, numerically speaking, made the most progress of any Chapter in the district, a fact which must be gratifying to its most efficient officers. In R. E. Comp. W. J. McAllister, the Scribe E. for many years, St. John's has a valuable officer and a potent factor in its continued prosperity. No work was done on the occasion of my visit, but the Chapter's capacity in ritualistic matters is too well known to need comment from me. At the close of the Chapter a very pleasant social hour was spent in the banquet hall.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, of St. Clair, I paid my official visit to White Oak Chapter on Dec. 15th, and was most cordially received. At the request of the acting First Principal, the I. P. Z., I conducted the election of officers, and the excellence of the choice promises well for the Chapter's future prosperity. This Chapter unfortunately lost the services, by removal, of the First Principal early in the year, but, nevertheless, has made fair progress under the efficient guidance of the I. P. Z., an able officer, of experience. The field of action is somewhat limited. White Oak is fortunate in having among its active members several P. G. Supts., whose Masonic skill and experience is of great value. The excellence of the work done by this Chapter has received the encomiums of the highest Grand Chapter officers. The Scribe E., E. Comp. W. O. Joyce, was re-elected for the fourteenth consecutive year. It marks the respect and esteem in which he is held by the Chapter, and the fact that he is a most efficient and valuable officer. The Mark degree was very well put on. Refreshments were served at the close of the Chapter, and all spent an enjoyable hour.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—This, the baby Chapter of the district, I visited officially on Dec. 17th, at an emergent convocation called for the purpose. E. Comps. Geo. Britton and Fred. Miller, of St. John's, were kind enough to accompany me. The night was very

stormy, and, as most of the members reside at a distance, the attendance was very small. This Chapter is very young, and was only consecrated and dedicated in April last by M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, P.G.Z., and other distinguished Hamilton Companions. I regret I was unable to attend that ceremony. The officers are capable and efficient, and I have no doubt will give a good account of themselves during the coming year. For various reasons the progress made since dedication has been undeniably slow, but the Chapter has several accepted petitions on hand, and their prospects for the coming year are now distinctly good. They have small, but comfortable, quarters of their own. Comp. Byrne is a good Scribe E. and looks well after the interests of the Chapter. At the close refreshments were served, and a pleasant hour spent in speech and story.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and Companions generally throughout the district for the very cordial manner in which I was received on my several visits, and for the many kindnesses extended to me. It has been a year of great pleasure, and one that will long live in my memory. To all the officers and Companions of the district I extend my best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year; in the words of the immortal bard of Avon:

"Now the fair goddess Fortune fall deep in love with thee, prosperity be thy page."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. STARK,

*Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.*

# HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

| CHAPTER.            | Number. | LOCATION.         | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce. | Prospects. | Can Ex Z. work all Degrees ? |
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| The Hiram . . .     | 2       | Hamilton..        | 12                | 2         | 14     | 48                         | 11                           | \$3.00                   | 283                      | 26                  | 19                    | 2             | ..            | 3            | 13           | 3       | 3285                | 19           | 15           | 14         | 32                              | .....        | 5500.00 | 4800.00             | 700.00    | \$78.50           | Jointly Fully     | 50.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |
| St. John's . . .    | 6       | Hamilton..        | 12                | 6         | 18     | 37                         | 12                           | 1.50                     | 255                      | 30                  | 24                    | 6             | 1             | 1            | 6            | 6       | 273                 | 24           | 23           | 25         | 51                              | 50.00        | 2700.00 | 270 0.00            | ..        | .....             | Jointly Fully     | 132.00                       | Bright     | Yes.                         |
| St. Clair . . . . . | 75      | Milton. . . . .   | 7                 | 6         | 13     | 14                         | 3                            | 3.00                     | 43                       | 3                   | 3                     | 1             | ..            | 2            | ..           | ..      | 45                  | 4            | 3            | 2          | 8                               | .....        | 500.00  | 125.00              | 375.00    | 27.00             | Jointly Fully     | 10.00                        | Ex.        | Yes.                         |
| White Oak . . . . . | 104     | Oakville. . . . . | 11                | 1         | 12     | 20                         | 1                            | 3.00                     | 51                       | 4                   | 4                     | 1             | ..            | ..           | ..           | 2       | 54                  | 4            | 4            | 5          | 40                              | .....        | 400.00  | 100.00              | 300.00    | 150.00            | 200.00            | 58.00                        | Good       | Yes                          |
| Ancaster. . . . .   | 155     | Ancaster. . . . . | 7                 | 3         | 10     | 10                         | 3                            | 3.00                     | 17                       | 4                   | 1                     | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 18                  | 1            | 1            | 1          | 4                               | 25.00        | 125.00  | 35.00               | 75.00     | 15.00             | .....             | .....                        | Good       | Yes.                         |

## HURON DISTRICT NO. 6.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district, which comprises eleven Chapters, all of which I have visited, and was received everywhere in the most cordial manner, the officers and Companions in every case being anxious to do honor to your representative.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, NO. 147, LUCKNOW.—My first visit was to this Chapter, on the 21st of May. E. Comps. W. J. Bruce, M. J. MacPherson and Comp. James Caskey of Havelock Chapter, Kincardine, accompanied me. I also found E. Comp. W. I. Chisholm there, he having driven over from Teeswater. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two of the brethren by the officers, ably assisted by the I. P. Z., E. Comp. R. R. McLeod. The work in a measure showed lack of practice, and was not as smoothly done as I feel sure the officers can do. The Chapter is to be congratulated on its paraphernalia, and if a few changes were made would be all right. The Scribe E. is a very efficient officer, his books are well kept, and the dues are fairly well collected. The future of Lucknow Chapter is good if well looked after by its officers.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—My visit to this Chapter was on the 16th of November. This is the largest Chapter in the district, having 147 members according to the last returns. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates, and the work was done by all the officers in a very efficient manner. This is the banner Chapter in the district. A banquet was served after the Chapter closed, with an excellent toast list. R. E. Comp. Hodgins of Chatham, also R. E. Comp. McLennan were present, adding to the pleasure of the evening. The Scribe E., Comp. Stevenson, is a very worthy officer, keeps the books in good order, and looks after the dues. This Chapter still uses the minute book

which was used at its institution forty-five years ago, and I think it will last five years longer. There were thirty Companions present.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—On October the 20th, accompanied by E. Comp. M. J. MacPherson, Comps. James Caskey and W. J. Morrison, of Havelock Chapter, I visited this Chapter. Not having any regular work, the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified, and I must say that the work was well done. This is the second largest Chapter in the district and is in a flourishing condition. The Z. is R. E. Comp. Dickinson, who makes an excellent officer. The Scribe E., Comp. J. H. Tigert, keeps his books very neatly, and notices of meetings are regularly sent out. R. E. Comp. Richard Radcliff was present. Although nearly blind, he attends every meeting and is as enthusiastic as ever. The future of this Chapter is assured, judging from the interest taken by the Companions in its working.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARY'S.—I visited this Chapter on the 14th of December. The Chapter was opened, and the election of officers was then proceeded with, after which the Chapter was closed. There being no regular work on, the lodge was then opened and closed in the M. M. Mason's degree, the ceremony of opening and closing being well done. Among the members present were R. E. Comp. Sharp and Col. White, both very energetic Masons. The Chapter has also an especially good Scribe E.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, No. 50, WALKERTON.—I visited this Chapter on July the 21st, accompanied by Companions James Caskey, Ed. Alexander and M. D. McPhail, of Havelock Chapter. On our arrival at Walkerton we were taken in charge by E. Comp. Jas. H. Scott of Havelock Chapter, though a resident of Walkerton now. Two candidates were advanced to the Mark Master degree, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on the excellent work done. The E. Z., Comp. J. Warren, is a very efficient officer, also E. Comp. James Campbell, Scribe E. The books are neatly kept and dues fairly



well collected. The outlook for Saugeen Chapter is very good.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, NO. 63, KINCARDINE.—I visited Havelock Chapter on the 18th of December. This is my mother Chapter, of which I feel justly proud. The work done by this Chapter is of a very high order. The officers perform their duties in an excellent manner, as I have had many opportunities of witnessing. The Chapter is in a good financial condition. The only work was the election of officers, after which the Chapter was closed, and the Companions repaired to the refreshment room to enjoy the fourth degree, which was done in royal style. One very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a First Principal's jewel, also a beautiful address, to the Grand Superintendent, for which I feel deeply grateful.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFORTH.—On Monday, June the 15th, I visited this Chapter. The attendance was small. The Royal Arch degree was conferred, and was exceedingly well done. The Chapter is in excellent condition, and, having a very good Scribe E., the dues are well paid up, and the outlook is very bright. I was pleased to meet R. E. Comp. Dr. Cooper, also E. Comp. S. J. Mallion of Stratford.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 84, WINGHAM.—I visited this Chapter on the 17th of November and witnessed the M. M. Mason's degree conferred on one candidate in the presence of thirty members and visitors. The work was well done, leaving no room for criticism. The future of this Chapter looks bright from the number of young men who are joining. V. E. Comp. Tanlyn is a most attentive Scribe E. and keeps the dues well collected. E. Comp. Watson, the First Principal, lives six miles from the place of meeting and has never missed a meeting.

ELLIOT CHAPTER, NO. 120, MITCHELL.—I visited Elliot Chapter on December the 15th, and found it in good condition, but they had no regular work on for the evening. I was present at the opening of the Chapter.

also election of officers, after which the Chapter was closed, and the M. M. Mason's degree exemplified, which was well done. The books of this Chapter are neatly kept, and I feel sure that Elliot Chapter is doing good work.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—On November the 3rd I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, accompanied by E. Comps. Dr. W. J. Bruce, M. J. Macpherson and Comp. Jas. Caskey of Havelock Chapter, Kincardine. After a drive of four hours, we arrived at the beautiful and thriving town of Southampton. It being the regular meeting, the Chapter was duly and impressively opened, and, the business being disposed of, was closed. The lodge was then opened in the M. M. Mason's degree and a candidate advanced. The work was exceedingly well done, and reflects credit on the officers. E. Comp. E. C. Burns, First Principal, makes an efficient officer; also R. E. Comp. P. J. Scott, the Scribe E., whose books are neatly kept and worthy of special mention. The attendance was very good considering that many of their members are sailors and at this time of the year have not returned home. I shall long remember my visit to Chantry Chapter.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—I visited this Chapter on October 16th, accompanied by E. Comp. M. J. Macpherson. I was more than pleased with the work of the Mark Master degree, which was exemplified. The Chapter is to be congratulated on their excellent staff of officers, also their commodious Chapter room. This is a live Chapter and the outlook is very hopeful. The dues are looked after by Comp. A. St. Geo. Hawkins, whose books are in excellent order. We had E. Comp. D. D. Campbell with us, but were very sorry to see him in such poor health. On arriving at Listowel my friend and myself were met by E. Comps. Morphy and Hawkins, and it must be confessed that they know how to entertain visitors.

Permit me, in closing, to thank the Companions who so kindly elected me to this honorable office. This

finishes my work for the year, which has been very pleasant. The Chapters throughout the district are doing good work, which has been strictly in accordance with that prescribed by the Grand Chapter. I must repeat what was said by my predecessor in regard to the wearing of proper regalia of Royal Arch Masons. Something should be done in this matter, as the Companions should appear in regulation Chapter clothing, or the duties of the Senior Sojourner should be changed.

I have to thank the Companions of the different Chapters for the kind manner in which I have been received throughout the district; all seemed to make my visits pleasant, which I attribute to their loyalty to Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. MILLER,

*Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6.*

# HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

| CHAPTER.      | Number. | LOCATION      | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in arrears. | Liabilities. | Assets.   | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ? |
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| Tecumseh..    | 24      | Stratford.... | 10                | 3         | 13     | 19                         | 1                           | 1.50                     | 149                      | 18                  | 18            | 3             | 8            | 5            | 6       | 148                 | 18           | 18           | 16         | 33                               | .....        | \$ 651.25 | \$ 325.00           | \$ 250.00 | \$ 76.25          | \$ 200.00         | \$ 65.00                    | Good       | Yes                          |
| Huron.....    | 30      | Goderich..... | 9                 | ..        | 9      | 14                         | 1                           | 2.00                     | 82                       | 3                   | 3             | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 85                  | 3            | 3            | 3          | 47                               | 55.00        | 285.27    | 40.82               | 100.00    | 144.45            | 200.00            | 15.00                       | Good       | Yes                          |
| St. James'... | 46      | St. Mary's... | 8                 | 3         | 11     | 12                         | 1                           | 1.50                     | 40                       | 3                   | 2             | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 42                  | 2            | 2            | 2          | 8                                | 12           | 181.46    | 1796.00             | 100.00    | 63.50             | .....             | .....                       | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Saugeen ..... | 50      | Walkerton...  | 12                | ..        | 12     | 11                         | 2                           | 2.00                     | 29                       | 3                   | 3             | ..            | 2            | ..           | 2       | 28                  | 3            | 4            | 3          | 7                                | .....        | 300.00    | 90.00               | 210.00    | 30.00             | .....             | .....                       | Fair       | Yes.                         |
| Havelock....  | 63      | Kincardine... | 11                | ..        | 11     | 18                         | 1                           | 1.50                     | 68                       | ..                  | ..            | ..            | 1            | 4            | 1       | 62                  | ..           | 3            | 3          | 8                                | .....        | 400.00    | 50.00               | 350.00    | 65.25             | 200.00            | 4.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |
| The Malloch.  | 66      | Seaforth..... | 10                | ..        | 10     | 15                         | 2                           | 2.00                     | 59                       | 2                   | 2             | ..            | 2            | ..           | ..      | 59                  | 2            | 2            | 1          | 5                                | .....        | 250.00    | 100.00              | 150.00    | 25.00             | .....             | 15.00                       | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Lebanon.....  | 84      | Wingham....   | 7                 | 1         | 8      | 19                         | 2                           | 3.00                     | 56                       | 7                   | 7             | 1             | 1            | 1            | 2       | 60                  | 7            | 5            | 5          | 5                                | .....        | .....     | 75.00               | .....     | 52.00             | .....             | 15.00                       | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Elliot .....  | 129     | Mitchell..... | 3                 | ..        | 3      | 10                         | 1                           | 3.00                     | 41                       | ..                  | 1             | ..            | 1            | ..           | ..      | 41                  | ..           | ..           | ..         | 21                               | 13.00        | 120.00    | 20.00               | 100.00    | 226.00            | 100 00            | 10.00                       | Not Good   | Yes.                         |
| Chantry ..... | 130     | Southampton   | 9                 | 1         | 10     | 15                         | 1                           | 2.50                     | 55                       | ..                  | 6             | 1             | ..           | ..           | 1       | 61                  | 6            | 5            | 5          | 5                                | .....        | 250.00    | 50.00               | 200.00    | 36.00             | 200.00            | .....                       | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Bernard ..... | 146     | Listowel..... | 8                 | 3         | 11     | 14                         | 1                           | 2.00                     | 45                       | 9                   | 8             | 1             | 4            | ..           | ..      | 50                  | 8            | 10           | 10         | 11                               | .....        | .....     | .....               | 300.00    | 30 00             | 100.00            | .....                       | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Lucknow....   | 147     | Lucknow....   | 7                 | 1         | 8      | 11                         | ..                          | 2.00                     | 42                       | 2                   | 3             | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 45                  | 3            | 3            | 3          | 12                               | .....        | 175.00    | 41.20               | .....     | 125 00            | .....             | 5.00                        | Fair       | Yes.                         |

## NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

COMPANIONS,—I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District for the past year.

I have had the pleasure of visiting six Chapters in my district, and I found in every instance that the First Principals, Principal Sojourners and Scribes E. not only knew their work, but took pride in doing it well.

I am sorry that I mislaid my reports, as I am unable to make a full report of the condition of the Chapters in consequence. But I must congratulate Grand Chapter that the Chapters in this district do not use intoxicants at their banquets.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—I visited this Chapter on December 4th, and was heartily received by a large number of Companions present. E. Comp. E. Dwyer, assisted by a number of Past Principals, exalted two candidates in a manner that reflected great credit on the Chapter. After degree work R. E. Comp. Gourlay, on behalf of the Chapter, presented jewels of exquisite workmanship to R. E. Comp. Geo. Burch, R. E. Comp. J. A. Grobb, V. E. Comp. Levi Yale, V. E. Comp. Dr. F. Kilmer and E. Comp. A. N. Lindsay. While the jewels were beautiful, the spirit that prompted the presentation was more so, and I heartily congratulate the Companions on the true Masonic spirit shown. After work came refreshments, which were much enjoyed by all.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, NO. 69, GRIMSBY.—In company with M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, R. E. Comp. Bottomley, R. E. Comp. Gourlay and Comp. Merriman, I visited this Chapter on November 30th. E. Comp. Randal, First Principal, assisted by E. Comp. Millward, who has the honor to bear the title "father of the Chapter," exalted three brethren in a manner that would not permit of

criticism. Afterwards I was honored by being asked to present, on behalf of Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, a Grand Superintendent's regalia to R. E. Comp. Gourlay as a mark of their appreciation and esteem of his work for the previous year. After the work we retired to the banquet room, where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—Accompanied by E. Comp. Harriman, I visited this Chapter in April. I found their books well kept and their finances in a healthy condition. E. Comp. Geo. Pettit, First Principal, assisted by E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland, conferred the Royal Arch degree on two candidates, the work of all the officers being of a high standard, and I found I was unable to criticize it. After labor came refreshments, which were heartily enjoyed.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 55, NIAGARA.—I visited this Chapter in January, and received a splendid welcome. E. Comp. McLellan, First Principal, assisted by everyone, from the Tyler up, conferred the R. A. degree on two candidates, absolutely without error. I congratulate Niagara Chapter and hope it may long continue as at present. They can also work the "fourth degree," as was proven after the degree work.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, No. 29, DUNNVILLE.—I regret that I was unable to visit this Chapter.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—I visited this Chapter in May, and am glad to report it as on the up grade. E. Comp. McCracken, First Principal, knows his work and does it as well as any Companion in the district, and if the Companions would only take an interest in the lower offices the work would be well done. As it is, E. Comp. Winn is a tower of strength, and made it possible for E. Comp. McCracken to do the exaltation in a highly creditable manner. The Scribe E. has his books right up to date, and I trust will long be spared to assist his Chapter.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.—This being my own Chapter, I will not give it



the report I think it deserves, as I fear my Companions might think I went too far. I withdrew from Mount Moriah Chapter in 1897, joining Mount Nebo at that time when the Chapter could not pay its way and very rarely had a quorum. At that time the Grand Chapter was thinking of withdrawing the charter, but there were three good men at the helm, viz., R. E. Comp. Hyatt, E. Comp. Collins and V. E. Comp. Sloggett. The Chapter has lost two of her leaders through death, but V. E. Comp. Sloggett is still at the helm as Scribe E., with the proud knowledge that the Chapter is second to none in the district, and, through the efforts of E. Comp. Harri-man, assisted by a full staff of officers, is still making that progress which has brought it so rapidly to the front.

My reception by the different Chapters was most flattering, and I desire to thank the Companions for the many kindnesses they bestowed on me in electing me last year and afterwards in receiving me. I predict for my successor a very delightful year.

Fraternally submitted,

EVAN E. FRASER,

*Grand Supt. Niagara District, No. 7.*

## TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 8.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of Canada:*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS,—I have the honor to submit the report on the condition of Capitular Masonry and Masonic affairs in this district. If I did not feel bound in some measure to follow the plan adopted by former Grand Superintendents and refer in detail to the work and conditions of the various Chapters, my report would be brief indeed. Perfect harmony and concord exist in every Chapter in the district. All are holding regular stated meetings; their officers are capable, earnest, and for the most part efficient. All are active and flourishing, and nearly all are adding to their strength numerically.

The somewhat stringent financial condition which has existed during the past year, and which has been so severely felt by all fraternal organizations, has tended to restrict numerical increase but, as it has also tended to cement and solidify the existing membership, will make for substantial, permanent increase when easier conditions prevail. The Chapters, without an exception, are taking seriously the welfare and progress of the Royal Craft; are observing in detail the regulations of Grand Chapter, and studying carefully the best interests of their own Chapter.

These conclusions have been arrived at, not by an "official" visitation, but from careful observation on many occasions, in different Chapters, where I saw and heard the Companions not at "degree" work but at "business."

Early in the year, as directed by the M. E. the Grand Z., a circular was issued to all the Chapters, calling attention to the increase of the minimum fee required by Grand Chapter, and directing that the by-laws be altered in accordance therewith. The required changes have

been made by all the Chapters. New by-laws were submitted from Doric and York Chapters and passed to the Grand Z. for approval.

Two Chapters of Instruction were held during the year, at both of which much good was accomplished. On May 15th, in St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, an exemplification of the work of the Royal Arch by E. Comp. J. H. Wilkinson and the regular staff of officers for the year was presented with a quiet dignity, simplicity and accuracy as a model difficult to surpass. On Oct. 9th, through the kindness of the Companions of Occident Chapter, Hiram Chapter No. 2, of Hamilton, with a staff of officers under the direction of R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand H., gave a practically faultless presentation of the Royal Arch degree.

A dispensation for a new Chapter, "The Beaches," was issued shortly after the Annual Convocation, and on May 21st I presented to them this document, and R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand J., assisted by the presiding Z.'s of the city Chapters, instituted the Chapter and installed its officers.

I am much indebted to R. E. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, R. W. Brennan, P. T. Lee and V. E. Comp. H. S. King for much kindly assistance, and to E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart for most faithful and efficient service as district Secretary during the year,

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 4, TORONTO.—I accepted a very kind invitation from E. Comp. J. H. Wilkinson, Z., to be present at the regular convocation of this Chapter on March 20th and assist in doing honor to two distinguished members, R. E. Comp. Walter H. Blight, G.S.N., and R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, the former being presented with the regalia of his office and the latter with an engrossed certificate of honorary membership in this, the oldest Chapter in the district. Within a few months, however, R. E. Comp. Blight, beloved Companion, good, true, faithful and devoted Mason, was called from labor below to rest above.

At the regular meeting, April 17th, at an official visitation, E. Comp. Dewar, Third Principal, assisted by the regular officers, most satisfactorily presented the work of the M. M. M. degree.

On Friday, May 15th, a District Chapter of Instruction was held in this Chapter. The work was the Royal Arch degree, and was exemplified by the regular officers of the Chapter. E. Comp. J. H. Wilkinson, presiding First Principal, was assisted by R. E. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, V. E. Comps. H. S. King and Boyce, and E. Comps. Cole and Jolliffe. Under such skilful direction the work was such as to be of much benefit to those having the privilege of watching it. The Chapter is well officered, splendidly conducted, and steadily progressive.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.—This Chapter has evidenced considerable progressive activity during this year. On Friday, Feb. 21st, it held its first "At Home," and at which I had the pleasure of attending. This was most commendably restricted to members of the Chapter and their immediate friends; was made as much as possible a King Solomon's Chapter function, and was of great benefit in enthusing and cementing the membership. At my official visitation in March, E. Comp. Davis and officers conferred the Mark Master degree in a manner leaving nothing more exact to be desired. At the December convocation I had the honor of assisting R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson in installing the officers for 1909. M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson was also present and gave a most pleasing and instructive address to the Companions. King Solomon's has many such distinguished officers of earlier days who continue interested in its affairs. As long as this is the case no Grand Superintendent need worry about its prosperity and progress.

DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.—While this Chapter has not been active in increasing its strength numerically, its meetings have been held regularly, and these have been well attended and its business affairs well looked after, and interest in Chapter matters well

sustained. The officers are earnest and painstaking. On the occasion of my official visit, May 6th, I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, Doric being his mother Chapter, as well as my own. The work was that of the M. E. Master, and this has been the only occasion on which this degree was presented for inspection. E. Comps. E. A. Coombs, Dr. Webb and J. E. Hughes are ably supporting the First Principal, E. Comp. N. L. Rogers, and I feel assured that the coming year will see this Chapter make a substantial increase in its membership. A most complete and well-arranged set of by-laws was submitted to me, and met with the approval of the Grand Z. The dues are well collected and the books well kept.

YORK CHAPTER, NO. 62, EGLINTON.—This is a suburban Chapter with a large membership from the city; zealous and earnest Masons, who like the near companionship and intimate fraternity which prevails in the country Chapter, rather than the brilliancy and diversity which characterize the larger city ones. All its officers, past and present, are much in earnest, and intensely jealous of all that pertains to York Chapter. Past Principals have not only learned their ritualistic work, but remember it, and if any officer is absent almost any of these are prepared and willing to take any office. R. E. Comps. Gibson, Fisher, Hull, V. E. Comps. Duncan and Robertson, and E. Comps. McLeish, Lennox and Lehman are nearly always present to assist the presiding officer in any manner possible. The work of the various degrees is always of a high order. E. Comp. A. J. Brown, while not assertive or demonstrative as a ritualist, is accurate and impressive, with able assistants in all offices. The Companions of this Chapter at refreshment give one the idea more of a "family" than a "society," and the entertainment provided is always interesting, enjoyable and instructive. York Chapter is doing good work for the Royal Craft.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, NO. 77, TORONTO.—This is the most active Chapter in the district. Again this year, as last, it has made the largest addition to its membership.

It has not only held the most meetings during the year, but has had the largest attendance at these meetings and the greatest proportion of its membership.

It holds an annual theatre party, an "At Home," and an annual excursion to some outside point, usually Niagara Falls. Notwithstanding that the encouragement of the social element is a distinctive feature of the Chapter, the Masonic duties are in no wise neglected. The officers are well drilled in their several duties, and the ceremonial work is of a high order. The requirements and interests of Grand Chapter are carefully studied and the ballot box firmly and jealously guarded.

At the request of M. E. Comp. Leslie, Grand Z., I accompanied him on a visit to the Chapter January 25th. The M. E. the Grand Z. was most enthusiastically received, and in addressing the Companions spoke in the highest terms of the perfection of the work and the entertainment provided. The annual "At Home," March 31st, was a very brilliant and enjoyable function, largely attended, splendidly conducted, and creditable to the Chapter in every way.

On April 10th, at an official inspection of the work, E. Comp. John Brennan and the officers presented the M. M. M. degree in a manner showing the most careful study of detail, it being watched to the smallest minutiae. E. Comp. Repath has been a most faithful and painstaking officer and deserves all the success which has attended his year in the chair. He has had faithful and willing helpers in R. E. Comps. A. G. Horwood, Geo. K. Clemens, R. W. Brennan, V. E. Comp. John Drew and E. Comps. H. Meadows, W. B. Stoneham and H. S. Brown. R. E. Comp. Clemens looks well to the S. E.'s desk.

The present condition of Occident Chapter was not attained without much thinking, planning and doing by past officers, and it must be a source of great gratification to those who stood beside it in its days of stress to see the splendid fruits of their work. Occident Chapter was made to grow, and is an object lesson to weaker ones of



what steady, consistent work will accomplish. I am much indebted to Occident Chapter for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, TORONTO.—Probably no more terse and fitting description of Orient Chapter can be found than that in the words of M. E. Comp. John Leslie on the occasion of his visit there on January 24th, the evening of Grand Chapter's Annual Convocation. After speaking in the most laudatory terms, not only in respect to the work done, but also in reference to the kindly, quiet, brotherly spirit which pervaded the gathering, the M. E. Comp. most aptly said he felt "among his ain folk."

E. Comp. Rev. Baynes-Reid presides this year over Orient Chapter. May it have many such. At my official visit he worked the M. M. M. degree. Careful, quiet, conscientious and impressive, no candidate could fail to take his teachings to heart. On this occasion also V. E. Comp. G. Gilmore was made the recipient of a life membership certificate, with full Chapter privileges, E. Comp. F. H. Anderson making the presentation.

The books are among the most neatly and carefully kept in the district, there being few S. E.'s who would not profit from an inspection of the secretarial work of E. Comp. Anderson.

The District Secretary, E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart, is an active and enthusiastic member of Orient Chapter. The prospects for the incoming year are of the very brightest.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—During the past few years this Chapter has not been experiencing that degree of prosperity which has satisfied the many old and zealous Past Z.'s which it numbers among its members. This year has, however, been marked with renewed vigor, and, under the guidance of E. Comp. Hoidge a decided advance has been made towards the return of old conditions. I paid several visits to Antiquity

during the year, and was much impressed with the personality of E. Comp. Hoidge. If he can be induced to continue the interest he displayed during his official year, extend his help and advice to the officers who succeed him, and at the same time awaken the interest of other past officers, much benefit will result to the Chapter.

On the occasion of my official visits the degree work was all that could be desired, the Royal Arch degree being worked by E. Comp. Hoidge at the March assembly and the Mark Master by the Third Principal at that of May 18th.

The after entertainments, in spite of the somewhat restricted attendance, have always been particularly enjoyable, much of this being due to the diligence and kindness of Comp. G. T. Pendrith, S.E., whom the Chapter fittingly recognized in electing him Third Principal for the incoming year.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, No. 135, UXBRIDGE.—I had the honor some five years ago of assisting at the founding of this Chapter and being installed among its first officers; it has always occupied the first place in my affections, and I am delighted to report its continued activity and progress. The devotion of its Companions is unabated, many of its officers driving 10 and 12 miles each Chapter meeting. E. Comps. Hare and Ormiston still maintain faithfulness, as their names are on the register of practically every meeting.

I paid an official visit on March 23rd, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Lee. All degrees were exemplified, E. Comp. Madill presiding in the Mark Lodge. E. Comp. Tummonds in the Most Excellent, and E. Comp. Luther Scott over the ceremonies of the Royal Arch. The work of all the officers required only favorable comment.

The annual "ladies" night of this Chapter, which is usually held in October, is one of the most coveted social functions of the season. It is restricted to Royal Arch Masons, since on this evening the lady friends of the

Companions provide entirely the refreshments and arrange the entertainment.

I was accompanied on this occasion by R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, V. E. Comp. H. S. King, E. Comp. Norman Rogers, Comps. O. P. McGregor, E. A. Lockwood, C. H. Collins, Frank McCoombe, W. C. Covington and others from the city Chapters.

In E. Comp. Hare we have a splendid object lesson of the advantages of a permanent secretary familiar with Masonic procedure.

Although the members are scattered over a wide area and difficult to see personally, the Chapter has no members in arrears for dues. Succoth has all appearances of continued prosperity.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 138, WEST TORONTO.—On April 14th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee and E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart, I officially visited this Chapter. This same evening had also been assigned for a fraternal visit from Occident Chapter, resulting in the largest meeting in the history of Shekinah. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, E. Comp. Thos. Ferguson presiding as Z, E. Comp. Jesse C. Smith, H. and E. Comp. J. T. Jackson, J., assisted by the regular officers of the Chapter. An able and careful presentation, correct in detail and impressively conveyed, would be a fair description of the degree work.

At the December convocation, with the assistance of R. E. Comps. R. W. Clewlo and P. T. Lee, V. E. Comp. H. S. King and E. Comps. Stewart and Foster, I installed and invested the officers for 1909. The honor and pleasure of presenting E. Comp. Ferguson with a well-merited and well-earned Past Z. jewel was also assigned to me.

This Chapter is entering into the Masonic Hall trust of West Toronto in conjunction with Stanley and Victoria Lodges, and plans are now well under way which will give to the earnest, active and enthusiastic Masons, both Craft and Capitular, of West Toronto, a home worthy of such zealous brethren and Companions.

Under E. Comp. Jesse C. Smith I feel assured that the Chapter will continue to make the same progress which has distinguished it ever since its inauguration.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, No. 145, TORONTO.—This Chapter has the largest membership in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada; it also had for some years following its institution the greatest annual numerical increase. This year, however, in common with other active and energetic Chapters, it has experienced a decided decrease in candidates seeking admission, and has had, from suspensions, withdrawals, etc., considerable nominal decrease in total membership.

The dearth of suitable applicants is a direct result of the stringent general financial conditions, while the excessive number of suspensions and withdrawals was, without doubt, due to the manner of the primary organization of the Chapter.

The St. Patrick Chapter did not grow. It was created, and out of so much material, quickly gathered, it is not surprising that some of it did not stand seasoning. The Chapter is strengthened, not weakened, by such removals, and its vigor increased, not impaired.

On the occasion of my official visit, E. Comp. Dr. Ryerson, Z., presided in the east and, with his almost complete staff of regular officers worked the Royal Arch degree. The ceremonial in itself was excellent and was made most sublime and impressive by the able assistance of the St. Patrick quartette. The work of the subordinate officers showed a care and preparation which augurs well for success in the days when they successively pass upwards to the chair.

Comp. H. Leeson is a most worthy successor to E. Comp. Milne as S. E., and the Chapter is to be congratulated in securing his services.

THE BEACHES CHAPTER, U. D., TORONTO.—The Beaches is the latest addition to the Chapters of this district, being instituted under the most favorable auspices on May 21st. Early in that month I received from

the M. E. the Grand Z. the dispensation for this Chapter, for which ten R. A. Masons had applied, E. Comp. McCurrah being named as Z., E. Comp. Grierson as H., Comp. Hardy as J., and Comp. Casper Clark as P.S. I was fortunate in securing the attendance of R. E. Comps. Moore and Harcourt, Grand H. and Grand J., respectively, at this inauguration, as well as a very large assembly of distinguished Grand Chapter officers and the presiding Principals of all the city Chapters.

I had arranged to visit the Chapter at its December convocation, but, owing to an unfortunate accident to myself, was unable to do so. R. E. Comp. Brennan, however, kindly consented, at much personal sacrifice and short notice, to act in the interim, and reported the work as satisfactory in all particulars.

At the following convocation, accompanied by R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, E. Comp. S. B. Foster and the district secretary, E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart, I visited the Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees on three candidates. The work was again as R. E. Comp. Brennan had found it, good in every particular.

E. Comp. McCurrah and E. Comp. Grierson have profited by the training they received in St. Andrew's and St. John's and Orient Chapters. The other officers are exceptionally capable.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, TORONTO.—This is the Chapter of precision. Every act and word of each officer, from the simplest business motion to the complex analysis of the mystical lecture, gives one the impression of forethought, of careful training, and accurate Masonic knowledge. St. Paul's numbers among its officers and Companions many of the most brilliant and distinguished in all branches of the Masonic science. It is only necessary to know that its presiding Z. is E. Comp. E. J. B. Duncan, than whom no more scholarly, faithful or efficient D. D. G. M. ever presided in Masonic district No. 11, to realize how perfect will be its business methods and how high a standard of ceremonial work will be exacted

from the officers. I had the honor of being present at the regular March assembly, on the occasion of the official reception by the Chapter of R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand J. Many distinguished Companions were present, among them R. E. Comps. George Moore, Grand H.; Benjamin Allen, P.G.P.S.; R. W. Brennan, P.G.S.; R. W. Clewlo, P.G.S.; H. T. Smith, P.G.S.; P. T. Lee, P.G.R.

An official visitation in April gave me the pleasure of seeing E. Comp. Duncan and the regular officers exemplifying the Royal Arch degree. Practically absolute fidelity to the ritual, delivered with a smoothness of diction seldom equalled, is a feature specially to be noted in the work of St. Paul's Chapter. It is difficult to convey in words a proper estimation of the exactness of this work. It must be seen to be properly appreciated. Any ritualist, be he ever so competent, will profit by a visit to St. Paul's Chapter. No suspensions have occurred for at least seven years; there are no members in arrears for dues, and the total amount outstanding on the books of the Chapter on December 31st was only \$7.20. Such a financial condition is hardly, we believe, equalled by any other Chapter in the Grand jurisdiction, and is indicative not only of the diligence of the S. E., but of the "loyalty and stability" of the Companions.

In closing this report I must acknowledge the unvarying courtesy, kindness and hospitality which was accorded to me on every occasion. R. E. Comp. Brennan transmitted to me a district of splendid Chapters, in which all was harmony; and it has been my earnest endeavor to be able to hand over to my successor these Chapters, now increased by one, in the same concord and activity, with some advancement made, something of progress accomplished.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. A. CLARK,

*Grand Supt. Toronto District, No. 8.*



## TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

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## GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Royal  
Arch Masons:*

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of Georgian district, No. 9. Pursuant to the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I notified the Chapters of the district of the recent changes in the constitution of Grand Chapter, particularly of the provision requiring that the minimum fee for exaltation shall be \$20. Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, had their by-laws amended accordingly and approved. The by-laws of all the other Chapters were, as I have since verified, already in accordance with the constitution as amended.

All Chapters in the district report that copies of their by-laws have been forwarded to the office of G. S. E., and that a copy of the constitution of Grand Chapter and of the by-laws of the Chapter are handed to each candidate upon his admission.

I am happy to report that all Chapters in the district are in a flourishing condition financially and socially, are adhering conscientiously to the ritual, and are bringing in excellent material for the building of the Temple.

I was unable to visit St. John's Chapter at North Bay, owing to a series of unfortunate happenings, but by proxy I kept in close touch with it throughout the year, and have received every courtesy and assistance from its officers, and a prompt response to my several communications.

I visited all the other Chapters, and was everywhere loyally and royally received. My few criticisms were accepted in a manner which showed an enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry and a desire to attain the most perfect expression of its beautiful ritual. The good-will of the Companions was also shown in sumptuous banquets crowned with brilliant speech and merry song.

The books are invariably well kept and accurate returns made to Grand Chapter. The general interest taken by past First Principals in their Chapters is one of the most gratifying features which characterize the district.

A great variety of opinion and practice obtains regarding the use of the Book of Marks, one Chapter rarely using it, one always using it, and the other intermittently. In my opinion more stringent regulations should be made as to the registering of Marks.

Twenty-six Royal Arch Masons residing in Midland have applied for a warrant for a Chapter, and I have no doubt that Signet Chapter, at Barrie, which is the largest and most prosperous Chapter in the district, and the one which will be most affected by the establishment of a Chapter at Midland, will be quite willing to facilitate the applicants in their laudable ambition. The new Chapter, if granted a charter, will have good prospects of becoming one of the best in the district. Herewith appended is a statistical table.

I desire to repeat my thanks to my Companions of the district for the many courtesies I have received at their hands during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. BRUCE,

*Grand Supt. Georgian District, No. 9.*

Collingwood, 19th January, 1909.

# GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

| CHAPTER.      | Number. | LOCATION.     | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets.   | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ? |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Manitou....   | 27      | Collingwood.. | 10                | 4         | 14     | 22                         | 1                            | 2.00                     | 113                      | 14                  | 12                    | 1             | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 126                 | 12           | 11           | 11         | 28                              | \$ 20.00     | \$ 525.95 | \$ 57.32            | \$ 225.00 | \$ 243.73         | \$ 150.00        | \$ 15.00                    | Good       | Yes.*                         |
| Signet.....   | 34      | Barrie.....   | ..                | 10        | 20     | 1                          | 1.00                         | 228                      | 14                       | 14                  | ..                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | 17           | 3       | 222                 | 14           | 13           | 13         | 26                              | 55.00        | 2200.00   | 1700.00             | 300.00    | 200.00            | 300.00           | 10.00                       | Ex.        | Yes.                          |
| Georgian. ... | 56      | Owen Sound.   | 10                | 5         | 15     | 19                         | 2                            | 2.00                     | 115                      | 17                  | 15                    | 2             | 1             | 4            | 6            | 1       | 122                 | 15           | 16           | 14         | ..                              | ..           | 947.38    | 508.93              | 300.00    | 138.45            | 200.00           | 5.00                        | Good       | Yes.                          |
| Grand River   | 70      | Bracebridge.. | 8                 | ..        | 8      | 13                         | 5                            | 2.00                     | 75                       | 2                   | 2                     | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | 2       | 75                  | 2            | 2            | 3          | 30                              | ..           | 802.31    | 500.00              | 225.00    | 77.31             | 150.00           | 20.00                       | Good       | Yes                           |
| Macpherson.   | 86      | Meaford.....  | 9                 | 2         | 11     | 17                         | 4                            | 2.00                     | 62                       | 8                   | 8                     | ..            | ..            | 2            | 2            | 1       | 62                  | 8            | 8            | 7          | 36                              | ..           | 830.00    | 150.00              | 400.00    | 280.00            | 300.00           | .....                       | Ex.        | Yes.                          |
| St. John's... | 103     | North Bay...  | 12                | 4         | 16     | 15                         | 4                            | 2.00                     | 88                       | 5                   | 5                     | 1             | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 94                  | 5            | 4            | 3          | 26                              | ..           | 1000.00   | 475.00              | 450.00    | 75.00             | 300.00           | 40.00                       | Good       | Yes.                          |
| Anabel.....   | 131     | Warton.....   | 8                 | 2         | 10     | 12                         | 1                            | 2.00                     | 50                       | 3                   | 3                     | 1             | ..            | 2            | 1            | ..      | 51                  | 3            | 3            | 3          | 22                              | ..           | 390.40    | 72.55               | 250.00    | 67.85             | .....            | 5.00                        | Good       | Yes.                          |

REMARKS—\* Thirteen members are Life Members.

## ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

COMPANIONS,—For your consideration I submit, with pleasure, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10.

At the first I desire to thank the Excellent Companions of this district for having elected me to the highest office in their gift—that of Grand Superintendent. I desire to extend this expression of appreciation to each and every Companion of the district for the cordiality expressed on my visits among them. The Chapters throughout the district have adopted the custom of presenting the Grand Superintendent with the regalia of his office. Being the first to share that honor, I am greatly indebted to my Excellent Companions and Companions for this favor.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter addressed to all the Chapters of my district, in which I announced the appointment of E. Comp. H. J. Mayhew, Scribe E. of the district. E. Comp. Mayhew is an enthusiastic Chapter Mason, and has rendered valuable service to the district by having been appointed to that position. I visited every Chapter of the district and saw degrees conferred in all except three.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 48, COBOURG.—I paid my first official visit to St. John's Chapter on February 14th. I was accompanied by four Companions from Excelsior Chapter. The Chapter conferred the M. M. M. degree in a very creditable manner, the Junior Warden taking a large part of the work. E. Comp. W. H. Smith deserves great credit for the enthusiasm he has engendered into this Chapter during the year just closed. The prospects of this Chapter are brighter.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, NO. 45, COLBORNE.—I next visited my own Chapter, Excelsior, on March 3rd. V. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, of Kingston, was present. Fifteen Companions of Presqu'Isle Chapter, Brighton,

drove over to share the pleasure. Excelsior Chapter is in a flourishing and progressive condition. The Companions are enthusiastic, and many are thoroughly conversant with the work. I got the largest and most enthusiastic reception from this Chapter of any in the district.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA, was my next objective point. I visited it on March 13th. The Companions of this Chapter are strongly recommended to exchange visits with the Companions of other Chapters. There is excellent material for grand work if properly utilized and encouraged.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 139, HAVELOCK.—On April 21st I visited St. Andrew's Chapter. This Chapter has been inactive for some time, but with the present Z. and Scribe E. we hope to see it continue to prosper as it is now doing. I installed the officers of this Chapter.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER, No. 134, CANNINGTON, I visited on April 22nd. This Chapter needs a good deal of encouragement—plenty of good material, but an apparent lack of enthusiasm. We believe, however, that there is a decided improvement.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—This Chapter was visited on April 23rd. Although having a good territory from which to draw, yet there seems to be a lack of steady growth. I believe, however, under the guidance of the Z., assisted as he is by one of the most faithful Scribe E.'s of the district, this Chapter cannot but merge from lethargy to activity.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—I visited this Chapter on April 24. The Principals and Companions of this Chapter are all enthusiasts. The Chapter has every facility for putting on the degrees, and all are to be congratulated for the interest taken. I was very sorry the Chapter did not see its way clear to fall in with the other Chapters of the district in establishing the custom of presenting the Grand Superintendent, whoever that officer may be, with the regalia of his office.



KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING, I visited on May 15th. This Chapter, next to the oldest in the district, is very conservative in its views, and is inclined to adhere to old methods. Doubtless this is due to the fact of being home satisfied. We would recommend visitation.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, No. 110, WARKWORTH.—I visited this Chapter on June 17th. The older Companions seem satisfied to do the work. This is very commendable, but we think the younger members ought to be stimulated and encouraged. However, this Chapter is doing good work.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE, I next visited on November 6th. This is a live Chapter in every sense of the word, excellent equipment, enthusiastic Companions, and a strong, healthy growth. Taking everything into consideration, I think this the banner Chapter of the district, with Excelsior and Corinthian running close seconds.

PRESQU'ISLE CHAPTER, No. 144, BRIGHTON.—To this Chapter I paid my final visit on Nov. 20th. The Chapter, which has been in operation for two or three years, has done fairly good work; but we would recommend greater attention to accuracy.

In conclusion I desire again to thank those who were instrumental in placing me in this honorable position. I am sorry I was unable to hold a Chapter of Instruction. Victoria Chapter very kindly offered their Chapter room and services, but for want of time I was prevented from taking up the work. I think if Grand Chapter meeting was deferred to a later date, it would give the winter season for such work.

If I have been of any service to the district I shall feel amply repaid for the labor expended in trying, in a feeble way, to discharge the duties of my office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. BELLAMY,

*Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.*

# ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

| CHAPTER.       | Number. | LOCATION.     | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members. | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees |      |
|----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------|
|                |         |               |                   |           |        |                             |                              |                          |                          |                     |                       |               |               |              |              |         |                    |              |              |            |                                |              |         |                     |           |                   |                   |                             |            |                             |      |
| Pentalpha...   | 28      | Oshawa.....   | 8                 | ..        | 8      | 20                          | 21                           | 1.50                     | 82                       | 4                   | 4                     | ..            | ..            | 2            | ..           | 1       | 83                 | 4            | 4            | 3          | 33                             | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 400.00    | 187.63            | 200.00            | 6.50                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Keystone....   | 35      | Whitby.....   | 10                | ..        | 10     | 13                          | 21                           | 1.00                     | 81                       | 3                   | 3                     | 2             | ..            | 1            | 5            | 4       | 76                 | 3            | 2            | 2          | 103                            | ..           | ..      | ..                  | ..        | 35.00             | 200.00            | ..                          | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Corinthian...  | 36      | Peterborough  | 9                 | 2         | 11     | 15                          | 13                           | 1.00                     | 104                      | 7                   | 6                     | 2             | ..            | 1            | ..           | 1       | 110                | 6            | 5            | 5          | 11                             | ..           | 600.00  | 150.00              | 450.00    | 47.50             | Fully Insured     | ..                          | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Victoria.....  | 37      | Port Hope...  | 11                | 3         | 14     | 24                          | 2                            | 1.50                     | 111                      | 8                   | 8                     | ..            | ..            | 3            | ..           | 2       | 114                | 8            | 8            | 8          | 25                             | ..           | 718.80  | 513.78              | 375.00    | 69.00             | 300.00            | 10.00                       | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| Excelsior....  | 45      | Colborne..... | 12                | ..        | 12     | 25                          | 21                           | 1.50                     | 74                       | 5                   | 5                     | ..            | ..            | 2            | ..           | ..      | 77                 | 5            | 5            | 1          | 12                             | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 200.00    | 50.00             | 150.00            | 5.00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| St. John's.... | 48      | Cobourg.....  | 8                 | 2         | 10     | 12                          | 4                            | 1.50                     | 48                       | 4                   | 4                     | ..            | ..            | ..           | 4            | 1       | 45                 | 4            | 4            | 2          | 20                             | 70.00        | 200.00  | 90.00               | 100.00    | 130.00            | ..                | ..                          | Fair.      | Yes.                        |      |
| Midland.....   | 94      | Lindsay.....  | 10                | 1         | 11     | 14                          | 21                           | 1.00                     | 110                      | 12                  | 11                    | 1             | ..            | ..           | 7            | 1       | 114                | 11           | 12           | 11         | 17                             | 40.00        | 370.86  | 103.36              | 200.00    | 67.50             | 175.00            | 15.00                       | Fair.      | Yes.                        |      |
| Warkworth..    | 110     | Warkworth..   | 10                | 3         | 13     | 16                          | 11                           | 1.00                     | 55                       | 10                  | 10                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 65                 | 10           | 10           | 9          | 20                             | ..           | 375.00  | 225.00              | 350.00    | 40.00             | 250.00            | 5 00                        | Good       | Yes.                        |      |
| King Darius..  | 134     | Cannington..  | 12                | ..        | 12     | 20                          | 11                           | 1.50                     | 48                       | 7                   | 7                     | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | 51                 | 4            | 4            | 3          | 2                              | ..           | 275.00  | ..                  | ..        | ..                | ..                | 275.00                      | 5.00       | Good                        | Yes. |
| St. Andrew's.  | 139     | Havelock....  | 8                 | 3         | 11     | 9                           | ..                           | 2.00                     | 24                       | 12                  | 12                    | 1             | ..            | 1            | 1            | ..      | 37                 | 12           | 9            | 9          | 15                             | ..           | ..      | ..                  | ..        | 30.00             | 200.00            | 5.00                        | Fair.      | Yes.                        |      |
| Presqu' Isle.. | 144     | Brighton....  | 10                | ..        | 10     | 20                          | 21                           | 1.00                     | 44                       | 4                   | 4                     | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | 1       | 47                 | 7            | 7            | 7          | 17                             | 75.00        | 250.00  | ..                  | ..        | 17.00             | 150.00            | ..                          | Fair.      | Yes.                        |      |

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I beg herewith to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

I am happy to say that in this district there has been much prosperity and a great deal of enthusiasm among the Chapters. All of them show good results, and I trust the new material brought in will prove a credit to the Royal Craft. The work is done well in all the Chapters and strictly in accordance with Grand Chapter requirements. The several Chapters where necessary have amended their by-laws to accord with the change in constitution as to exaltation fee.

I find the requirements as to furnishing each new candidate with a copy of by-laws and Constitution fully lived up to.

I am pleased to report that in every case the First Principal is able to do his work well and that a general desire to exemplify the degrees in an impressive manner seems to be the ambition of all the officers. I believe the work done in Prince Edward district is second to none.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on 1st December and saw the Mark degree conferred in a very impressive manner by E. Comp. Frank Elvins and officers. This Chapter has had a steady increase in numbers, and is certainly in a very flourishing condition. I examined the books of the Scribe E. and found them to be kept in a faultless manner, which speaks volumes for the great interest taken in the affairs of the Chapter by E. Comp. Wm. McKeown, Scribe E. At the close of the Chapter the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in the banquet hall. I feel sure still greater things may be looked for from this Chapter in the future with so splendid a record of the past.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—I made my official visit to this Chapter November 5th, and saw the

M. M. M. degree conferred by the E. Z., W. R. Howson, and his officers in a manner which to me left nothing to criticize. In V. E. Comp. H. H. Alger the Chapter has, I found, a painstaking and efficient Scribe E., one who takes a great interest in the work generally. After the Chapter closed the Companions partook of a dainty repast and a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse, thus bringing to a close a meeting of pleasure and, I trust, profit. This Chapter has had plenty of work during the year and is in a prosperous condition, though it suffers under the disadvantage of having so many of its members residing at a distance, which necessarily must hurt its average attendance.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, NO. 26, TRENTON.—This Chapter was visited by me on 8th December, and I found it in a healthy condition. Unfortunately there was no degree work on that evening, but I have no doubt this Chapter is capable of doing very creditable work, for the officers and members all seemed to be enthusiastic in Royal Arch Masonry. I cannot let the occasion pass without mentioning the very efficient and careful work of R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Scribe E. of the Chapter. I noted that up to January 1st, 1908, there was only one dollar of outstanding dues, a very creditable showing, due to his efficient work. At the close of the meeting the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where, after the wants of the inner man were satisfied the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. I can see nothing but growth and prosperity ahead for this Chapter.

MADOC CHAPTER, NO. 161, MADOC.—I paid my official visit to this, the baby Chapter of the district, on Oct. 15th, and was agreeably surprised to find, for a Chapter less than a year old, the progress that had been made. This Chapter received its charter at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. It now has a membership of sixty-five, with cash on hand of over \$400, and a complete set of paraphernalia. Too much credit cannot be given to E. Comp. A. Williamson and those Companions associated with him, who by untiring efforts have made this new organization what it is to-day. The work for the evening was the Most Excellent Master

degree. E. Comp. W. J. Moore, the Second Principal, officiated as W. M. This is the only Chapter that exemplified this degree for my inspection. The manner in which the work was done showed plainly that time and study had been devoted to the charges, perambulations and floor movements. E. Comp. Moore has a good delivery and an impressive manner, and the work would be a credit to many of the older Chapters, and was performed to my entire satisfaction. The Chapter is fortunate in having for its first Scribe E. such a painstaking and careful worker as I found Comp. W. J. Hill to be. When the Chapter was closed an adjournment was made to the hotel, where a banquet was spread and a pleasant hour spent in speech and song. I can predict nothing but a prosperous career for Madoc Chapter.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 44, NAPANEE.—This being my own Chapter, I feel some hesitation in commending its good qualities, lest it should be thought my regard for it had influenced my judgment. I have endeavored, however, in my report to speak as an independent critic, and I do so in this case. In my capacity as Scribe E. I have been in attendance at every meeting during the year, and can, therefore, speak of the excellent manner in which the work has been done by E. Comp. C. A. Walters and his officers. Although the average attendance has been on the increase for the last few years, still, considering the membership of the Chapter, it is not what it should be. This Chapter has to report one death during the year, Comp. Wm. Templeton having been called away after a very short illness. Comp. Templeton was a warm-hearted man, universally respected by all with whom he came in contact, and will be greatly missed. The Chapter has greatly missed during the year the assistance and advice of R. E. Comp. Jas. Walters and E. Comp. Jos. Woodhams, who, through illness, have not been able to attend as in years gone by. It has had, however, the able assistance of V. E. Comp. W. F. Gerow and R. E. Comp. J. G. Fennell, who have always remained faithful at the helm.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter Dec. 9th. I have to thank M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw for so kindly



responding to my invitation to be present and for the interest he added to the evening's enjoyment by his instructive remarks and by installing the officers for the coming year. When the Chapter closed the Companions sat down to a banquet, when a most enjoyable hour was spent.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31, PICTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 9th. I was accompanied by ten Companions of my own Chapter, Mount Sinai, No. 44. The work for the evening was the M. M. M. degree. This Chapter prides itself on the excellence of its work, and certainly the degree work as exemplified by E. Comp. W. L. Armitage and his officers left nothing to be desired. Their hall has lately been refitted with new carpets, furniture, and other appointments, so that Prince Edward Chapter has the satisfaction of meeting in apartments second to none in the province. I found a staff of enthusiastic officers, and in Comp. J. L. Graydon this Chapter has a very efficient Scribe E., who keeps his books up-to-date and everything in perfect order. The Chapter is blessed with many faithful past Z.'s, a number of them having held office in Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, and who take a deep interest in the welfare of the Chapter. No wonder Prince Edward has long flourished and shows every sign of continuing to do so. At the conclusion of the Chapter meeting an adjournment was made to an elaborate banquet, and a delightful evening was brought to a close with speech and song.

In conclusion, I thank the Companions of Prince Edward district for the many kind attentions and fraternal courtesies shown to me on my official visits, and I shall always entertain a warm feeling for the Companions I have met. My hope is that Prince Edward district will continue as prosperous and harmonious in the future as it has been in the past.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ERNEST J. WALTERS,

*Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.*



# PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

| CHAPTER.        |     | Number.                         |    | LOCATION.                     |        |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|--------|
| Prince Edward.  | 31  | Pictou.....                     | 10 | 1 11 20                       | 5 1.50 |
|                 | 7   | Belleville..                    | 9  | 1 10 23                       | 2 2.00 |
| The Moira.....  | 26  | Trenton...                      | 8  | 8 17                          | 1 1.00 |
|                 | 44  | Napanee...                      | 11 | 5 16 15                       | 1 1.50 |
| St. Mark's..... | 72  | Stirling....                    | 9  | 1 10 15                       | 4 3.00 |
| Mount Sinai.... | 161 | Madoc.....                      | 10 | 9 19 26                       | 4 1.00 |
| Keystone.....   |     |                                 |    |                               |        |
| Madoc.....      |     |                                 |    |                               |        |
|                 |     | Regular Meetings.               |    | Emergent.                     |        |
|                 |     | Total.                          |    | Average Attendance Members.   |        |
|                 |     | Average Attendance Visitors.    |    | Annual Dues, per Member.      |        |
|                 |     | No. Members last Return.        |    | Petitions Accepted.           |        |
|                 |     | Candidates Initiated.           |    | Affiliations.                 |        |
|                 |     | Restorations.                   |    | Withdrawals.                  |        |
|                 |     | Suspensions.                    |    | Deaths.                       |        |
|                 |     | Present Membership.             |    | M.M.M. Conf.                  |        |
|                 |     | M.E.M. Conf.                    |    | R.A. Conf.                    |        |
|                 |     | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears |    | Liabilities.                  |        |
|                 |     | Assets.                         |    | Cash or Securities.           |        |
|                 |     | Property.                       |    | Dues Outstanding.             |        |
|                 |     | Amount Insurance.               |    | Amount Expended in Benev'ce.  |        |
|                 |     | Prospects.                      |    | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ? |        |

## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

My term of office has been a pleasant one in every respect. I duly appreciate the honor conferred by my Companions in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and extend to them my sincere thanks for the kind fraternal treatment tendered me on all occasions.

There are eight Chapters in the district, namely, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston; Grenville, No. 22, Prescott; Sussex, No. 59, Brockville; Maitland, No. 68, North Augusta; St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville; St. John's, No. 112, Morrisburg; Covenant, No. 113, Cornwall; and Leeds, No. 132, Gananoque.

I have paid official visits to all the Chapters on regular convocations, except Sussex Chapter, No. 59.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI CHAPTER, NO. 1, KINGSTON.—I visited this Chapter on April 17th, and was introduced by M. E. Comps. Shaw and Hendry. Numerically, the meeting was large, and my reception was all that could be desired. The M. M. M. and Royal Arch degrees were conferred on candidates in a highly satisfactory manner. The First Principal and his officers are enthusiastic workers; the financial standing of the Chapter is good; the books well kept, and the prospects for the present and future very encouraging.

LEEDS CHAPTER, NO. 132, GANANOQUE.—I visited Leeds Chapter on May 6th. Comp. G. A. Whitmarsh met me at the station and made my sojourn in the town very pleasant. A large number were present at the meeting to do me honor. The M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees were conferred on candidates in a manner that

reflected great credit on the officers. At the time of my visit the dues were all paid. The books are in proper condition, the finances good, and prospects bright.

SUSSEX CHAPTER, NO. 59, AND ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, NO. 100, BROCKVILLE.—On May 7th I visited Brockville. I was introduced by R. E. Comps. Dowell and Greene, and was very cordially received by the large gathering of both Chapters. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a correct manner, proving that the officers of both Chapters are well posted. E. Comps. G. K. Dewey, Scribe E. of Sussex Chapter, and E. A. Geiger, Scribe E. of St. Lawrence Chapter, are efficient officers and keep their books in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. The dues are paid promptly by most of the members; prospects for both Chapters bright, and financial standing good.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG.—This Chapter I visited on June 19th, and was well received by the Companions. The M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees were conferred on candidates. The exemplification of each proved that the officers are well posted and have the best interests of the Chapter in view. The night being very warm, the attendance of members was not large, but all were enthusiastic, and my reception was most fraternal. The prospects of the Chapter are good, the dues promptly paid, and financial standing fair.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, NO. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA.—This is my mother Chapter, which I visited on Oct. 10, and, much to my disappointment, there was not a quorum, and consequently no meeting. There is a certain amount of friction existing between some of the Companions, and as a result the Chapter convocations are small. Maitland Chapter is the weakest, numerically, of any in the district; prospects poor, as there is not much material available outside of Crystal Fountain lodge, of North Augusta, as the lodge at Merrickville is in the jurisdiction of St. Francis Chapter, of Smith's Falls. The dues, with a few exceptions, are promptly paid, and the Principals are enthusiastic Masons.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—On Oct. 13th I paid my visit to this Chapter. I was introduced by R. E. Comps. Graham and Logan, and received a cordial reception from all present. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers, assisted by R. E. Comps. Graham and Logan, in a very impressive manner. The finances of the Chapter are in good condition, the dues fairly well paid, and prospects of Chapter bright. The officers appear to be enthusiastic for the advancement of Capitular Masonry, and are earnest workers.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113, CORNWALL.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 18th. I was introduced by R. E. Comp. F. Bisset and V. E. Comp. J. G. Harkness. Quite a large number were present and extended me a fraternal welcome. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a correct manner. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition. The Scribe E., Comp. J. Ridley, keeps his books in excellent condition, the dues are punctually paid, and financial standing good. My sojourn in Cornwall was made most pleasant by R. E. Comp. Bisset, whose guest I was.

I had almost completed arrangements for holding a Chapter of Instruction in the town of Brockville, when the sad announcement of the sudden death of E. Comp. J. E. Birmingham, First Principal of Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque, which occurred Aug. 30th, was conveyed to me. As he and his officers were to have exemplified part of the work, I decided to cancel the meeting, as other arrangements could not very well be made.

The work throughout the district has been quite uniform, leaving little for criticism, except in some minor details.

Regarding the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, I am pleased to report that it is, with one exception, in a satisfactory condition. Although I have made no mention of social functions in the above report, I must take this opportunity of saying that the Companions of all the Chapters in the district

royally received me, and hospitably entertained me. In every instance, refreshments were served, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Every candidate, on his admission, is presented with a copy of the by-laws of his Chapter, and also a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution. Every Chapter in the district has taken action to furnish itself with printed copies of approved by-laws, and if arrangements are not at present completed, will be in the near future.

During my term of office I have renewed many friendships and formed new ones, which I trust may prove lasting. It has afforded me considerable satisfaction to feel that my humble efforts as the representative of the M. E. the Grand First Principal have been more or less appreciated by the Companions throughout the district. I leave the district in a flourishing condition, with the exception of one Chapter, and know that a hearty and fraternal welcome will be extended to my successor in office.

By the death of E. Comp. J. E. Birmingham, First Principal of Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque lost a highly esteemed citizen, and the Companions a valuable brother and friend. At my request, E. Comp. C. A. Watt kindly consented to take charge of Leeds Chapter for the balance of the year.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. MAGEE,

*Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.*

# ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

| CHAPTER.        | Number. | LOCATION.    | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members. | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce. | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ? |      |      |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------|------|
| Grenville.....  | 22      | Prescott...  | 5 ..              | 5 12      | 1 2.00 | \$                          | 68                           | 2 2                      | 2                        | 2                   | 2                     | 2             | 2             | 1            | 2            | 1       | 66                  | 2            | 2            | 3          | ..                              | ..           | \$      | 350.00              | \$        | 150.00           | \$                | 200.00                       | \$         | 125.00                       | Good | Yes. |
| Sussex.....     | 59      | Brockville.. | 9                 | 3 12 14   | 4 2.00 |                             | 112                          | 13 11                    | 1                        | 1                   | 1                     | 1             | 2             | 2            | ..           | 1       | 123                 | 11           | 12           | 13         | 12                              | ..           | 500.00  | 226.91              | 150.00    | 133.00           | *B.of T.          | 15.00                        | Ex.        | Yes.                         |      |      |
| Maitland.....   | 68      | N. Augusta   | 4 ..              | 4 9       | 1.00   |                             | 28                           | 1 1                      | 1                        | 1                   | 1                     | 1             | 1             | 1            | ..           | ..      | 30                  | 1            | 1            | 5          | ..                              | ..           | ..      | 50.00               | 15.00     | 12.00            | 1000.00           | ..                           | Fair       | Yes.                         |      |      |
| St. Lawrence... | 100     | Brockville.. | 8                 | 1 9 14    | 6 2.00 |                             | 78                           | 6 4                      | 2                        | 1                   | 1                     | 1             | 1             | 1            | ..           | 1       | 83                  | 4            | 4            | 4          | 13                              | ..           | ..      | 21 00               | 150.00    | 109.75           | *B.of T.          | 10.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |      |      |
| St. John's..... | 112     | Morrisburg.  | 8                 | 2 10 15   | 3 2.00 |                             | 62                           | 7 7                      | 7                        | 7                   | 7                     | 7             | 7             | 7            | 3            | 2       | 64                  | 7            | 7            | 5          | 15                              | ..           | ..      | ..                  | ..        | ..               | ..                | ..                           | Good       | Yes.                         |      |      |
| Covenant.....   | 113     | Cornwall...  | 10                | .. 10 18  | 3 2.00 |                             | 88                           | 5 3                      | 1                        | 1                   | 1                     | 1             | 3             | ..           | 1            | 88      | 3                   | 5            | 2            | 11         | ..                              | ..           | ..      | 340.00              | 300.00    | 34.85            | 225.00            | 15.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |      |      |
| Leeds.....      | 132     | Gananoque.   | 10                | .. 10 22  | 1 2.00 |                             | 112                          | 1 1                      | 1                        | 1                   | 1                     | 1             | 3             | ..           | 3            | 2       | 108                 | 1            | 2            | 2          | 7                               | ..           | 303.49  | ..                  | 350.00    | 96.00            | 300.00            | ..                           | Good       | Yes.                         |      |      |
| Ant. Frontenac  | 1       | Kingston ..  | 10                | .. 10 15  | 2 3.00 |                             | 83                           | 5 5                      | 5                        | 5                   | 5                     | 5             | ..            | ..           | ..           | 2       | 86                  | 5            | 4            | 9          | 35                              | ..           | ..      | 70.00               | ..        | 250.00           | 200.00            | 20.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |      |      |

REMARKS—\* Insurance, Board of Trustees.



## OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1908:

GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 61, ALMONTE.—I officially visited the above Chapter on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, accompanied by Comp. A. G. Marshall, of Carleton Chapter. There was a small, but very enthusiastic, body of Companions present. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. E. C. Robertson, assisted by his staff of officers. The work was splendidly done in every way. The Principal Sojourner told his story in a very clear and distinct manner. The books of this Chapter show E. Comp. Steele to be a painstaking, enthusiastic and efficient officer.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—I made my official visit to the above Chapter on Nov. 2nd, on the regular meeting night. There were a good many Companions present, considering the night, which was very wet. I witnessed the M. M. M. degree conferred on a candidate by E. Comp. Switzer in an accurate and exemplary manner. The junior officers were not quite up to the mark, and it was evident that some rehearsing was required. R. E. Comp. McIntosh is a great strength to this Chapter. He is always on hand and ready to lend able assistance to the Principals. The books are kept by a very efficient Scribe E., Comp. A. H. Edwards, in a businesslike manner.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—Being my mother Chapter, it is very seldom I am absent from its meetings, consequently, an official visit was a matter of form. However, I made my visit on Nov. 20th, at the annual Chapter of Instruction, which Carleton Chapter is noted for, and the popularity of which is increasing every year. Royal Arch Masons flocked in

from all over the district, including Pembroke, Renfrew, Almonte, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Maxville, and Vankleek Hill. In the afternoon the M. M. M. degree was worked by the officers of Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place. They had a class of twenty-one candidates, and the whole of the work was rendered with care, correctness and dignity, and received the approval of everyone present. The M. M. M. lodge being closed, the M. E. M. degree was exemplified by the officers of St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith's Falls. The officers are composed of men who know their work well, and gave great support to E. Comp. Baldwin. The Senior Deacon's work deserves special mention. The singing and instrumental music added much to make this degree very impressive.

At 7.30 p.m. the largest gathering of Royal Arch Masons that ever took place in this city assembled to witness the Exaltation ceremony, when twenty-three candidates were exalted. The ceremony was presented by E. Comps. Armstrong, Simpson and Scott, and their staff of officers, who spared no effort to render this beautiful degree of Capitular Masonry in a most impressive manner. The veil work was done exceedingly well. E. Comp. Armstrong rendered his work in a masterly manner; his clear voice and distinct enunciation made a great impression on the candidates. The P. S., Comp. Parker, handled his large class in an able manner, and did his work with deliberation and effectiveness. Carleton Chapter was graced with the presence of R. E. Comps. G. T. Martin, S. A. Luke, J. L. Culbert, W. Garrioch, Wm. Rea, W. A. Mackay, Dr. D. H. McIntosh, E. B. Butterworth, D. Taylor, and a host of E. Comps. too numerous to mention, who all agreed that the work had been done with such accuracy and precision as left no room for any criticism.

The labors of the evening being ended, we adjourned to the banquet hall, where about 125 sat down to a sumptuous repast. After the wants of the inner man were satisfied, a pleasant hour was passed, with good cigars, good songs and clever speeches, which closed one

of the most successful and profitable Chapters of Instruction ever held in the Ottawa district.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, NO. 143, MAXVILLE.—My visit to this Chapter was made on the 24th of November. I was very much disappointed when I heard that there was no work on, as it had been raining very hard and the roads were in bad shape. The Companions are very scattered in this district, therefore the attendance was somewhat slim. However, the First Principal opened the Chapter, conducted the general business and, after a short discussion, closed the same in a very fair manner.

I hope my successor will have the pleasure of seeing Glengarry Chapter exemplify some of the degrees next year when paying his official visit. The Chapter is in good hands, composed of business and professional men, also well-to-do farmers, and I trust they will put their shoulders to the wheel and keep up the good name of the Ottawa district.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, NO. 114, RENFREW.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Nov. 16th. I had looked forward to this visit for some time, and was not disappointed in my expectations. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comps. W. A. Mackay, W. Hay and D. Barr. The attendance was very good. E. Comp. Dickson and his enthusiastic staff of officers exemplified the R. A. degree. It was very impressively rendered, and too much praise cannot be given to the skill exhibited. Every officer was a complete master of his position. When I mention that E. Comp. H. Cox acted as P. S., it is as good as stating that the work was done in a regular and perfect manner. E. Comp. S. H. Murphy delivered the closing charge in a most impressive manner, which was a rare treat. R. E. Comp. W. Hay looks after the S. E. work, and his books are perfect. This Chapter is a model one in every respect. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant hour was spent at the usual banquet, which closed a very profitable and pleasant evening.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITH'S FALLS.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter Nov. 18th, on their regular meeting night. A good attendance of the members was present, as it was election of officers, and I may say that I never saw any election so unanimous. Comp. Hyndman was elected as First Principal, and I am sure that St. Francis Chapter has a very bright prospect before it, with the officers who were chosen to fill the offices for the ensuing year. After the election I witnessed the M. M. M. degree in a manner showing that they were thoroughly acquainted with the ritual. This Chapter is in good and capable hands, and is blessed with one of the most efficient secretaries in the district, Comp. G. W. Fluker. After the meeting a banquet was provided, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—I visited the above Chapter on December 4th. E. Comp. Bennett met me at the station, and accompanied me to the hall. There was a very small attendance. Election of officers was the business of the evening, when E. Comp. Bennett was re-elected First Principal. There being no candidates present, there was no degree work, but I am sure this Chapter can uphold the traditions of Capitular Masonry. I am glad to say St. John's Chapter is strong financially, and I see no reason why it should not have good prospects, especially with the officers elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year. The books are well kept by an efficient officer.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, NO. 151, PEMBROKE.—I went to Pembroke on Nov. 19th to pay my official visit, but found there was to be no meeting on account of the big fire which had swept the town a week or so before. A number of members of this Chapter were burnt out, so naturally everything was upset. This Chapter sustained a great loss in the death of E. Comp. Copeland, who passed away after a short illness.

I met E. Comp. Leitch and Comp. Miller, the S. E., and several of the Companions, and I trust that my successor may have the pleasure of seeing Laurentian Chapter in harness next year.

PEMBROKE CHAPTER, NO. 58, MATTAWA.—I was in hopes that the members of the above Chapter would get together this year and show the fruits of my predecessor's visit last year; but I am sorry to say that circumstances have worked adversely to my expectations. I have been in communication with the Scribe E. and the First Principal, and I herewith enclose you the letter from the latter, to let your honorable body decide what should be done with Pembroke Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. SHANE,

*Grand Supt. Ottawa District, No. 13.*

HAILEYBURY, ONT., NOV. 14th, 1908.

*E. G. Shane, Esq., 18 Thornton St., Ottawa, Ont.:*

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,—I have your letter of the 7th of November, and note all you say. I hardly know how to reply so as to give you a good idea of the condition of affairs in Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, at Mattawa, but I will do my best to make the matter clear to you, as I have done to several G. S. in the past. I may start out by saying that I very much objected to having the Chapter there at all in the first place. My protests, however, at the time were of no avail, and in order not to be a stumbling block then, I joined with the rest, and it was started. I hoped that it would get along all right. Time since has shown that I was right, and that it ought not to have been brought there then. Now, however, that we have it there, we very much desire to keep it, in the hope that at some future time we may put it in a good position, and that we may work along in the way that we should.

With that object in view, we have, as regularly as possible, paid all our dues to the Grand Chapter, and in that way have kept ourselves in good standing, always hoping that we would have enough material at hand that would be able to work out as it ought to do. You will notice that, although most of our members are away, yet all or nearly all of them keep up their connection with

it, and pay their dues, so that we may be able to meet all our obligations. We cannot meet yet, as our members, due to the fact that they are away from the town, cannot possibly get there to any meetings, except at very great expense and time to them, and that cannot be expected of them. We are as anxious as anyone that the meetings ought to be held regularly, and that the work be done as it ought to be; but we cannot do so yet, and there we are. We are willing to keep up all our dues; we are willing to meet all our obligations; we are willing to make all our returns; we are willing to show just where we stand; but we will not cook our reports, even at the expense of losing our charter, and we look to the Grand Chapter to allow us to retain our charter, promising that as soon as we can again get to work in a regular way that we will do so. We would like you to report to the Grand Chapter that, owing to so many people having moved away from the town, and among them, of course, the best of our people, and thus our members, we cannot now meet; but we promise that as soon as we can we will do so, and that we sincerely hope that G. C. will deal very leniently with us, and allow us that boon which we so much have at heart. As you see, I also am away from the town, and at the moment there are just four of our members living there. I hope to be in Ottawa at some time in the very near future, and I will try to see you. I may refer you to Comp. S. A. Luke, who will tell you all about me, and who will vouch for all that I say. I will always be glad to hear from you, and if there is any information that you may wish I will be most happy to furnish it to you. We love our Chapter, but we cannot meet now, and there it ends.

Fraternally yours,

C. W. HAENTSCHELL.



# OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

| CHAPTER.     | Number. | LOCATION.     | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors. | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce. | Prospects. | Can Ex Z. work all Degrees ? |
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| Carleton...  | 16      | Ottawa.....   | 9                 | 3         | 12     | 31                         | 63.00                        | \$                       | 137                      | 25                  | 23                    | 5             |               |              |              | 1       | 164                 | 20           | 20           | 20         | 12                              | \$           | \$      | \$ 1091.00          | \$ 300.00 | \$ 260.00         | \$ 300.00         | \$ 50.00                     | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Pembroke..   | 58      | Mattawa.....  |                   |           |        |                            | 2.40                         | 41                       |                          |                     |                       |               |               |              |              | 1       | 40                  |              |              |            | 35                              |              |         | 150.00              | 250.00    | 150.00            | 250.00            |                              | Not        | Yes.                         |
| Granite....  | 61      | Almonte.....  | 8                 |           | 8      | 11                         | 1.50                         | 59                       | 6                        | 6                   |                       |               |               |              |              | 3       | 61                  | 6            | 6            | 4          | 11                              |              | 393.73  | 143.73              | 250.00    | 54.50             | 150.00            |                              | Good       | Yes                          |
| Bonnechere   | 114     | Renfrew.....  | 10                |           | 10     | 12                         | 2 2.60                       | 60                       | 4                        | 4                   |                       |               |               |              |              | 2       | 61                  | 4            | 4            | 4          | 19                              |              | 914.67  | 414.67              | 500.00    | 85.35             | 300.00            | 15.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Maple.....   | 116     | Carleton Pla. | 9                 |           | 9      | 12                         | 2.00                         | 65                       | 6                        | 6                   |                       |               |               |              |              | 4       | 67                  | 6            | 5            | 3          | 4                               |              | 800.00  | 500.00              | 300.00    | 20.00             | 300.00            | 10.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |
| St. Francis  | 133     | Smith's Falls | 10                |           | 1      | 11                         | 13                           | 33.00                    | 56                       | 6                   | 4                     |               |               |              |              | 1       | 59                  | 4            | 2            | 2          | 9                               |              | 400.00  | 100.00              | 300.00    | 100.00            | 200.00            | 10.00                        | Good       | Yes.                         |
| Glenarry..   | 143     | Maxville..... | 11                |           | 1      | 12                         | 12                           | 32.00                    | 49                       | 3                   | 3                     |               |               |              |              | 1       | 51                  | 3            | 3            | 3          | 40                              |              |         |                     | 350.00    | 165.50            | 200.00            |                              | Good       | Yes                          |
| St. John's.. | 148     | Vankleek Hill | 5                 |           |        |                            | 5 11                         | 3.00                     | 45                       |                     |                       |               |               |              |              | 2       | 43                  |              |              |            | 12                              |              |         | 48.72               |           | 123.75            | 200.00            |                              | Not        | Yes.                         |
| Laurentian   | 151     | Pembroke..... |                   |           |        |                            |                              |                          |                          |                     |                       |               |               |              |              |         |                     |              |              |            |                                 |              |         |                     |           |                   |                   | bright                       | Yes.       |                              |

## ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor, as Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14, to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the district.

The membership has increased by forty-two; the outstanding dues have been substantially reduced, and the prospects of the different Chapters, with the exception of Alberton, No. 152, are of the brightest. Alberton Chapter has met with a combination of misfortunes, they having lost their three principal officers during the year, the Second and Third Principals having removed from the district, and their First Principal, E. Comp. Henry J. Sissons, in death by accidental drowning. The last communication I had from their Scribe E. informed me of their position, and requested me to postpone my official visit.

I had also made arrangements to visit the other Chapters in the western portion of the district, but received communications from Shuniah and Fort William Chapters that it would be impossible to hold meetings on the dates I had arranged for; and as the distances are so great, the time required to cover that portion of the district taking two weeks, and as that was the only season of the year I could arrange to visit them, I was reluctantly obliged to forego my official inspection. However, from the reports submitted to me by the different Scribes E., the Chapters all, with the exception of Alberton, are in a very healthy condition. Harmony prevails throughout the district.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—I had the pleasure of visiting Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, on Good Friday, also on Dec. 4th, and at both meetings the R. A. degree was conferred in a faultless manner. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition, both financially and numerically. They have equipped the

Chapter with a very complete outfit of regalia and banners.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, No. 95, SUDBURY.—On Nov. 24 I visited Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, and witnessed the conferring of the R. A. degree, and as this is my mother Chapter, and I have attended the meetings throughout the year, I had an opportunity of seeing the officers confer both the M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees. I can therefore vouch for the efficiency of the work.

In conclusion, I would strongly urge upon Grand Chapter the advisability of a redistribution of the district, so that those Chapters west of Lake Superior have a Grand Superintendent of their own. The principal reason is that the nearest Chapter west of the lakes is over five hundred miles, and it is too much to request of a Grand Superintendent from the west to visit the eastern portion of the district, and vice versa.

I thank the E. Companions for the great honor which they have conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. GILL,

*Grand Supt. Algoma District, No. 14.*

# ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

| CHAPTER.    | Number. | LOCATION        | Regular Meetings. | Emergent. | Total. | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member. | No. Members last Return. | Petitions Accepted. | Candidates Initiated. | Affiliations. | Restorations. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Present Membership. | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in arrears. | Liabilities. | Assets. | Cash or Securities. | Property. | Dues Outstanding. | Amount Insurance. | Amount Expended in Benev'ce | Prospects. | Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ? |       |      |      |
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| Algonquin.  | 102     | Sault S. Marie. | 12 12 24 20       | 1         | 1      | 1                          | 1                           | *1.00<br>+2.00           | 185                      | 21                  | 22                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | 2            | 3       | 4                   | 198          | 22           | 21         | 21                              | 5            | \$      | 2600.00             | 1800.00   | \$                | 800.00            | \$                          | 65.00      | \$                           | 81.00 | O.K. | Yes. |
| Atwood....  | 149     | Rainy River..   | 12 2 14 14        | 1         | 1      | 1                          | 1                           | 3.00                     | 40                       | 12                  | 10                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 50           | 10           | 6          | 5                               | 5            | 200.00  | ..                  | ..        | ..                | 46.20             | ..                          | 20.00      | Good                         | Yes.  |      |      |
| Ft. William | 140     | Fort William..  | 10 2 12 17        | 2         | 2      | 2                          | 2                           | 2.00                     | 83                       | 19                  | 12                    | 2             | 1             | 4            | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 91           | 12           | 12         | 16                              | 16           | 400.00  | 200.00              | 200.00    | ..                | 175.00            | 300.00                      | 15.00      | Ex.                          | Yes.  |      |      |
| Golden....  | 90      | Kenora.....     | 10 3 13 15        | 2         | 3      | 3                          | 3                           | 3.00                     | 83                       | 16                  | 14                    | ..            | 1             | 8            | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 90           | 14           | 14         | 14                              | ..           | ..      | ..                  | 1049.87   | 200.00            | Not given         | 150.00                      | 15.00      | Good                         | Yes.  |      |      |
| Shuniah...  | 82      | Port Arthur...  | 12 5 17 15        | 2         | 1      | 2                          | 2                           | 1.25                     | 105                      | 15                  | 13                    | ..            | 6             | 2            | 3            | 107     | 13                  | 13           | 13           | 13         | 9                               | 850.00       | 650.00  | 200.00              | 60.00     | 300.00            | 40.00             | Ex.                         | Yes.       |                              |       |      |      |
| Tuscan....  | 95      | Sudbury.....    | 10 1 11 13        | 1         | 1      | 1                          | 1                           | 2.00                     | 67                       | 5                   | 2                     | ..            | 2             | ..           | ..           | ..      | 67                  | 2            | 2            | 3          | 7                               | 100.00       | 85.25   | ..                  | 49.75     | ..                | ..                | ..                          | Good       | Yes.                         |       |      |      |
| Alberton... | 152     | Fort Frances..  | .. .. .           | ..        | ..     | ..                         | ..                          | ..                       | ..                       | ..                  | ..                    | ..            | ..            | ..           | ..           | ..      | ..                  | ..           | ..           | ..         | ..                              | ..           | ..      | ..                  | ..        | ..                | ..                | ..                          | ..         | ..                           |       |      |      |

REMARKS— \* Non-Resident. † Resident.

## MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

Herewith I beg to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Manitoba District, No. 15.

I very much regret that, owing to other engagements, I have been unable to visit all the Chapters in this district; but as M. E. Comp. Leslie, G. Z., visited a number, the need for this was not as great as it might have been. The Chapters visited were all in good shape, both financially and otherwise, and the prospects for Capitular Masonry in this district are excellent.

PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, NO. 52, WINNIPEG.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter in company with the M. E. Grand First Principal, R. E. Comp. Newman, Grand P. S., and a number of P. G. Superintendents and other visitors. At this meeting, one of the largest and best ever held west of the Great Lakes, the officers conferred the R. A. degree in a very creditable manner. This Chapter is in excellent shape, and is adding to its membership the very best material to be had from the Blue lodges in this city. Prince Rupert has assets to the amount of \$3,807.96. Amount expended for benevolence, \$130.50.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—This Chapter, the home of R. E. Comp. F. L. Newman, is in first-class condition, having added twenty to its membership, with assets to the amount of \$1,291.98. Their prospects are excellent, as R. E. Comp. Newman and those associated with him are most enthusiastic workers for Capitular Masonry.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 136, NEEPAWA.—This Chapter is in a most gratifying condition, and, as usual, has been adding to its membership, thirty-three brethren having received the R. A. degree. The assets of this Chapter are \$2,427.81. Expended in benevolence, \$47.85.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 101, BOISSEVAIN.—This Chapter is in good condition, and whilst not having the

territory to draw from that some of the other Chapters in this district have, is making material progress, having added six to their membership, and having assets to the amount of \$464.96.

AVONDALE CHAPTER, No. 156, HARTNEY.—This, the baby Chapter of the district, has been making very favorable progress, and with the assistance of the first-class membership that it has, will no doubt give a good account of itself during the next term. They show a gain of five members, and assets to the amount of \$489.92.

In conclusion, I beg to submit that, in my opinion, District No. 15 is far too large. A Grand Superintendent desirous of visiting the six Chapters on their regular nights of meeting, and working from Winnipeg, would be required to travel about 1,300 miles, and spend about two weeks in the work. Should he make the complete circuit and meet the Chapters at emergent meetings, he would cover about 500 miles, and spend one week in doing so. I would, therefore, recommend that district No. 15 be divided into two separate districts, No. 1 to comprise Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Neepawa; No. 2 to comprise Brandon, Boissevain and Hartney. I feel that this recommendation will meet with the approval of the representatives from Manitoba, and that the interests of Capitular Masonry will be better served by this division.

I desire to thank the Companions for electing me to this office; the Scribes E. of the several Chapters for notice of their meetings, thus allowing me to keep in touch with the work being done, and the members of this district generally for their universal courtesy to me on every occasion.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. BENTLEY,

*Grand Supt. Manitoba District, No. 15.*



# MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., Grand Officers and Companions  
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of  
Canada:*

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in British Columbia District, No. 16, and in being able to state that in the four Chapters under review, the Royal Craft is making notable progress.

I paid official visits to all the Chapters, and was received most cordially on every occasion as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I think there is a closer connection, and a warmer feeling of mutual appreciation than there used to be between these outposts on the "far-flung battle line" of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the central body. To this end, the more frequent visits of the Grand officers contribute not a little. This year we, in this far western district, had the pleasure of a visit from the distinguished head of the Royal Craft, M. E. Comp. John Leslie. This visit, following those of M. E. Comps. A. Shaw and William Roaf in previous years, served to give definiteness to something which otherwise might remain somewhat nebulous and uncertain.

All the Chapters have printed copies of approved by-laws, which, with a copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution, are presented to every candidate on his admission. A copy of the by-laws of each Chapter has also been sent, and copies of amendments, if any, will go forward, when made, to the office of the Grand Scribe E.

Each and every Chapter in this district is to be congratulated on the quality of its Scribe E. The success of a Chapter depends to a large extent on the work and character of the Scribe E. Grand Chapter has proof of the truth of this statement in the person of its own Grand

Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett. As my predecessor stated, a warm welcome awaits this illustrious Companion should he visit the west. Indeed I venture to suggest that it would be in the interests of Capitular Masonry were the Grand Chapter to send this executive officer to visit the western Chapters of the jurisdiction.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—Accompanied by between twenty and thirty Companions of Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, I paid an official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, June 25th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by E. Comp. Brine and his officers. There is a very kindly feeling between the Chapters of Vancouver and New Westminster, and many happy speeches were made at the banquet which followed. So engrossed, indeed, were the Companions in exchanging fraternal greetings that we missed our car, and did not get back till nearly one o'clock in the morning. This Chapter has had a prosperous year, and its prospects are excellent. In R. E. Comp. Armstrong, the Chapter has a Scribe E. who, imbued with a true Masonic spirit, is thoroughly conversant with the practical details of his office.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 127, NANAIMO.—On Tuesday, December 1st, I left Vancouver in the SS. Joan to visit the two Chapters on Vancouver Island. Comp. Tom Wilson, of Vancouver Chapter, accompanied me to Nanaimo. At the wharf I was met by E. Comp. Rudd, Second Principal of Keystone Chapter, No. 127, and Past First Principal Davis. They escorted me to the Windsor Hotel, where I dined later on with E. Comp. Rudd and Comp. Doyle, Scribe E. The work of the evening comprised the M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees. They were both conferred in a very creditable manner, the chair being taken in the former by E. Comp. Alexander, First Principal, and in the latter by E. Comp. Rudd. E. Comp. Alexander has a forceful and impressive manner, and it is to be regretted that his occupation did not give him more opportunity for studying the ritualistic part of the work. He struck me as being a man of true Masonic calibre, and I hope he will keep up his interest in Capitular Masonry. Keystone Chapter,

No. 127, has good material in its First Principal-elect, E. Comp. Rudd, and the junior officers, and I look for a successful year. A very pleasant hour was spent after the meeting in a cosy room hard by, where the well-known hospitality of the Companions had full swing. At a late hour I was escorted to my berth in the SS. City of Nanaimo, which good craft was to carry me next day to Union Wharf, some sixty or seventy miles north.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 142, CUMBERLAND.—E. Comp. Hodson, Second Principal of Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, accompanied me from Nanaimo, and took charge of me on the steamer. Between looking after his umbrella and myself, he had a busy time. At the wharf I was met by Past First Principal Mounce. He and E. Comp. Hodson took charge of me on the dozen miles or so of railway journey to Cumberland, where they handed me over to the kind offices of R. E. Comp. G. W. Clinton, P. G. Supt. At his suggestion, Comp. Matthews took me round to see the town before dinner. This Chapter admirably sustained on this occasion its reputation for doing good work. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon two candidates by E. Comp. Parnham and his officers in a manner which showed close attention to detail and a consciousness of the dignity appropriate to this supreme degree. The interest, earnestness and hard work which the Companions of this Chapter take in, and bestow upon, their Capitular duties were well illustrated by the zeal of the two novitiates, who had driven, one twelve and the other forty miles, in a hard frost, to receive their degrees. After the Chapter closed an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where I was most hospitably entertained. A hot supper did its best to dispel the invasion of Jack Frost, and the exchange of Masonic sentiments, interspersed with songs, warmed our hearts. A visitor on this occasion was His Honor Judge Harrison, Past Z. of Columbia Chapter, Victoria, B. C., No. 120, on the Registry of Scotland. On all sides I heard regret expressed that the Grand Z. had been unable to extend his visit to Cyrus Chapter, No. 142. I am convinced that in no Chapter in Canada would he have seen better work or received a warmer welcome.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, NO. 98, VANCOUVER.—My frequent visits during the year to this, my home Chapter, were concluded by an official visit on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. I was received with due honor as the representative of Grand Chapter by some sixty Companions, amongst whom I noticed R. E. Comp. H. H. Watson and R. E. Comp. Geo. M. Gibbs, who has lately affiliated; also E. Comps. Morrison and DeForest. The way in which E. Comp. Middleton and his officers discharged the various duties of the evening reflected the greatest credit on their executive abilities. Besides the ordinary business of a regular convocation, they had election of officers for 1909, and the conferring of the R. A. degree on seven candidates. The degree work was of the usual high order, and I was glad to see the improvement noticeable in the work of some of the junior officers. Under the genial sway of E. Comp. Middleton, the Companions have passed a pleasant and profitable year, and I look with confidence to a continuance of prosperity under E. Comp. Burns and the officers who were elected with him on the occasion of my official visit. V. E. Comp. Cowperthwaite makes a model Scribe E., and has the interest of the Chapter close to heart. There is considerable musical talent amongst some of the newly-made Companions. I trust that this will be available in the degree work of the coming year, as good music adds largely to the impressiveness of the degrees. Its value in the fourth degree needs no words, and was fully exemplified on the occasion of my official visit on the 9th December, when a very pleasant hour spent in the banquet room brought an evening to a close which will long linger in my memory.

In conclusion, I think that the Grand Chapter of Canada may rest assured that all is well in the west. The four Chapters in this district are in good hands; a kindly feeling permeates the Companions. They feel a sense of responsibility in the privilege of carrying in the far west the standard of Capitular Masonry which, for fifty years has encouraged the Companions throughout a wide area to thoughts of higher things. The

future holds great problems for Canada, in the working out of which to the best advantage of the land which we all so dearly love, whether it be the land of our birth or of our adoption, Royal Arch Masonry will do its share.

Fraternally submitted,

A. McC. CREERY,

*Grand Supt. British Columbia District, No. 16.*





## ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report for District No. 17 for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908. I thank you very much for the honor conferred by being appointed to the position of Grand Superintendent for the largest district under your jurisdiction.

ALBERTA CHAPTER, NO. 106, CALGARY.—I visited this Chapter on July 7th, and found the books well kept in every way by Comp. H. T. Bing, the Scribe E. The Companions of this Chapter are very enthusiastic, as shown by the interest taken in the discussion of the various matters under debate.

I was unable to visit the Chapters at Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, High River, or Edmonton. This last one being the home of R. E. Comp. Morris, I felt that the work would be well looked after, as Masonry is very strong there, as well as all over the west. However, the report from No. 118 does not show that the officers are as enthusiastic as they might be, seeing that five regular convocations were not held during the twelve months, and only four candidates were exalted. The Companions of Grand Chapter from the east would no doubt expect all the Chapters in each district would be visited by the Grand Superintendent at least once during his term of office; but when they realize that some of the Chapters are from two hundred to seven hundred miles apart, and that we are very busy in the Great West, they will extend Masonic charity.

A very large amount of the work must therefore be done by correspondence. This, to my mind, is sufficient to call for a division of this district into two, and I strongly advise Grand Chapter to do so by following the provincial boundaries in each case. The reports from the unvisited Chapters indicate that good work is being done,

and this should be expected from the abundance of good material in our growing west.

MOOSEJAW CHAPTER, U. D., MOOSEJAW.—On Sept. 22 I accompanied the M. E. the Grand Z., Comp. John Leslie, Past Grand Z., A. Shaw, R. E. Comps. A. S. Gorrell and John M. Shaw to the city of Moosejaw, when a Chapter was instituted, with over thirty applications for exaltation. The degree of the Royal Arch was conferred in good manner by the officers of Wascana, No. 121. I paid my official visit to this Chapter on a later date, and found the officers well-skilled and doing good work. It is a pleasure to report that this Chapter is officered by the most enthusiastic Masons in the locality, who are endowed with the proper Masonic spirit. Grand Chapter may look for good results from this Chapter, and I strongly recommend the granting of their charter.

PRINCE ALBERT CHAPTER, NO. 160, PRINCE ALBERT.—I visited this Chapter on Oct. 14th. I found everything in perfect order. E. Comp. George Will worked the R. A. degree in splendid form. Comp. Smith makes an ideal Scribe E., as the books are accurately kept, and he is looking well after the dues. I was disappointed at the number in attendance, and though this was explained by E. Comp. Will, he appeared to be disappointed himself. This Chapter will continue to prosper, as there is plenty of first-class material in the city of Prince Albert and surrounding district from which to select members for the Royal Craft.

Dispensations have been issued for two Chapters, one at Arcola and one at Saskatoon, and before long there will be two more good working Chapters in this district, as there are a number of prosperous blue lodges in their immediate vicinity.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—This is the Chapter of which I am the I. P. Z., and it is holding its own with any in the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. This Chapter has its own hall in the new Masonic Temple furnished in every way, and the officers all do their

work in a very careful manner. R. E. Comp. A. S. Gorrell has been of great help during the year by giving his assistance at all times when required. R. E. Comp. J. M. Shaw, who is the Scribe E. of this Chapter, is a source of strength to Masonry generally.

The subjoined reports show all the Chapters to be in the best of condition as regards work and financial standing. I regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to attend Grand Chapter this year.

Thanking Grand Chapter again for the honor conferred on me, and with best wishes for the welfare of the Royal Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

L. T. McDONALD,

*Grand Supt. Alberta District, No. 17.*

## ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

| CHAPTER.                        |  |
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| Number.                         |  |
| LOCATION.                       |  |
| Regular Meetings.               |  |
| Emergent.                       |  |
| Total.                          |  |
| Average Attendance Members.     |  |
| Average Attendance Visitors.    |  |
| Annual Dues, per Member.        |  |
| No. Members last Return.        |  |
| Petitions Accepted.             |  |
| Candidates Initiated.           |  |
| Affiliations.                   |  |
| Restorations.                   |  |
| Withdrawals.                    |  |
| Suspensions.                    |  |
| Deaths.                         |  |
| Present Membership              |  |
| M.M.M. Conf.                    |  |
| M.E.M. Conf.                    |  |
| R.A. Conf.                      |  |
| No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears |  |
| Liabilities.                    |  |
| Assets.                         |  |
| Cash or Securities.             |  |
| Property.                       |  |
| Dues Outstanding.               |  |
| Amount Insurance.               |  |
| Amount Expended in Benev'ce     |  |
| Prospects.                      |  |
| Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees     |  |

## KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Members  
of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent of Kootenay District, No. 18, for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

I am very sorry that my report has been delayed on account of the failure of several of the Chapters in sending to me their summary of information, and although I have written several times requesting same, I have not as yet received them all. I still await the report from Rossland and the Crow's Nest Chapters. These I hope to receive soon.

I regret exceedingly to state that circumstances were such that I was unable to get away to visit any of the Chapters in my district. I thought that I would have been able to manage to visit the Chapters near Nelson during the past few months, but pressure of business keeping me at home I did not succeed.

NELSON CHAPTER, NO. 123, NELSON, B. C.—This Chapter is my own Chapter, and I have attended every meeting held during the year. On November 18th Nelson Chapter had the pleasure of a visit from the M. E. the Grand Z., Comp. John Leslie, whose address and advice will long be remembered by the Companions. The prospects for the coming year are very bright. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are in good shape and well kept.

I would recommend to Grand Chapter at their next convocation to consider the dividing up of this district, as it is entirely too large, and I am sure the M. E. the Grand Z. will bear me out in this matter.

I desire, before closing, to express my hearty thanks to the E. Companions for the great honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. IRVINE,

*Grand Supt. Kootenay District, No. 18.*



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|                                  | Number.                                       | LOCATION |
|                                  | Regular Meetings.                             |          |
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|                                  | Total.                                        |          |
|                                  | Average Attendance Members.                   |          |
| Average Attendance Visitors.     |                                               |          |
| Annual Dues, per Member.         |                                               |          |
| No. Members last Return.         |                                               |          |
| Petitions Accepted.              |                                               |          |
| Candidates Initiated.            |                                               |          |
| Affiliations.                    |                                               |          |
| Restorations.                    |                                               |          |
| Withdrawals.                     |                                               |          |
| Suspensions.                     |                                               |          |
| Deaths.                          |                                               |          |
| Present Membership.              |                                               |          |
| M.M.M. Conf.                     |                                               |          |
| M.E.M. Conf.                     |                                               |          |
| R.A. Conf.                       |                                               |          |
| No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears  |                                               |          |
| Liabilities.                     |                                               |          |
| Assets.                          |                                               |          |
| Cash or Securities.              |                                               |          |
| Property.                        |                                               |          |
| Dues Outstanding.                |                                               |          |
| Amount Insurance.                |                                               |          |
| Amount Expended in Benev'ce.     |                                               |          |
| Prospects.                       |                                               |          |
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| Nelson .... 123 Nelson, B.C..... | 12 2 14 10                                    |          |
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| Revelstoke. 128 Revelstoke, B.C. | 7 .. 7 16. 4 3                                |          |
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|                                  | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?                 |          |

REMARKS—\*Pending election of 1st and 2nd Principals.

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REMARKS—Annual dues for absentee members \$3.00.

## KLONDIKE CHAPTER, NO. 154,

UNATTACHED.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

There being but one Chapter in the Yukon, and that convening at Dawson, my home town, I was enabled to attend thirteen out of fourteen convocations held during the last twelve months.

Klondike Chapter has all the requisite appointments, and the work of the officers has been well and carefully performed.

The officers were installed by myself, with the assistance of V. E. Comp. James Craig and the Past First Principals of the Chapter. So well were the new officers up in their work that the same evening they exalted six candidates to the Royal Arch degree, working like veterans. During the year the conduct of the Chapter and work of these officers was well done, they all taking great interest in their respective duties.

My official visit was made at the October convocation. The books of Scribe E. and those of the Treasurer are well kept, and duly audited and found correct. As appears by the accompanying return, the revenue of the year has more than met the expenses and shows a balance of cash on hand of almost twelve hundred dollars.

An average of at least seventy-five per cent. of the members, being within twenty-five miles of Dawson on convocation nights, have attended the Chapter, thus showing the general interest of the Companions in the Royal Craft.

The Chapter saw fit to suspend one of its members for un-Masonic conduct, from which decision there is an appeal to Grand Chapter. Similar action was taken by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, having jurisdiction over Craft Masonry in the Yukon Territory.

At the November convocation, the following Companions were elected to office for the ensuing year, viz.:—

E. Comp. John Black, First Principal; E. Comp. A. J. Gillis, Second Principal; Comp. Geo. I. MacLean, Third Principal; Comp. J. A. Lester, Scribe E.; Comp. G. W. Harkin, Scribe N.; E. Comp. John Borland, Treasurer; Comp. A. L. Bell, P. S.; Comp. Benj. Vanvolkenburgh, Janitor.

E. Comp. David R. Macfarlane, I. P. Z., was elected delegate to Grand Chapter.

With the above Companions in office and the prospect of increased membership, chosen from good material, in sight, the coming year should be as satisfactory for this Chapter as the year just ended.

Fraternally submitted,

J. LANGLOIS BELL,

*P. G. Supt. Stadacona District, G. R. Q.;*

*Acting Grand Supt. Yukon.*

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Telegrams and letters from the following Companions, members of Grand Chapter, explaining occasion of absence from the Annual Convocation, were read: M. E. Comps. Wm. Gibson and M. Walsh, R. E. Comps. Wm. Rea, Ottawa; H. H. Watson, Vancouver; Dr. J. M. Shaw and L. T. McDonald, Regina; E. E. Chipman, Kaslo; H. A. Hackett, Amherstburg; W. M. Bentley, Winnipeg; A. McC. Creery, Vancouver; T. W. Chapple, Kenora; E. T. Malone, Toronto; D. R. Macfarlane, Dawson; Fred. L. Newman, Portage la Prairie.

From M. E. Comp. J. D'Amer Drew, Melbourne, Canada's representative near the Grand Chapter of Victoria, acknowledging receipt of semi-centennial jewel, photos and printed proceedings, and conveying cordial greetings.

From R. E. Comp. Wm. Morison Somerville, of Washington, D.C., a former member of this Grand Chapter, desiring to be remembered to "the remnant" of those whom he knew in days gone by, with his best wishes.

From R. E. Comp. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Canada's representative near the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, forwarding a synopsis of the proceedings of that Grand body in Annual Convocation Oct. 13, 1908, and at which he presented the greetings of this Grand Chapter and submitted a brief report, of which the following is an extract:

"Its fiftieth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Toronto, January 22, 1908. It will be of interest to us, neighbors as we are, to know that Comp. John Leslie of Winnipeg was re-elected Grand Z. This Convocation was made the occasion of a grand jubilee. M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, the historian of the Craft in that Grand jurisdiction, responded to the toast, 'Our Jubilee,' and, would space permit, I believe portions of it would be a most valuable article to be printed in the proceedings of this Annual Convocation, as it contains many historical facts of interest relating to the early formation of our Royal Craft, not only in this country, but in Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland."

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and

*Resolved*,—That the communication received from R. E. Comp. W. M. Somerville of Washington was heard by his old Companions with unfeigned pleasure, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Scribe E. to reply to the letter at an early date, reciprocating the kindly and fraternal wishes conveyed therein.

### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand E., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Acting on the recommendation of the Committee which last year considered the complaint against a Chapter in western Ontario for countenancing the conferring of an unauthorized degree by visitors from across the border line, I communicated, under date of Feb. 28, with the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapters of New York, Michigan and Ohio, forwarding a copy of the report of the said Committee, and requesting them to apprise the M. E. Grand High Priest of their respective jurisdictions of the circumstances.

With commendable promptitude Grand Secretary C. A. Conover of Michigan and Grand Secretary Edwin Hagenbuch of Ohio communicated with their respective Grand High Priests, and in both cases action was at once taken. The M. E. Grand High Priest of Ohio wrote as follows:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE  
STATE OF OHIO.

Office of the Grand High Priest,

Sandusky, Ohio, April 25, 1908.

*Mr. Edwin Hagenbuch, R. E. Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Ohio:*

RIGHT EXCELLENT AND DEAR COMPANION,—Referring to your favor of March 9 ult., with which you enclosed communication from the Grand Secretary of Canada, wherein complaint was made that Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction had been guilty of illegal practice in assisting to confer the degree of Past Master, as a side degree, within the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, I request that you transmit to the R. E. Grand Secretary of Canada my thanks for having called attention to a proceeding so at variance with law and obligation, and so subversive of the principles of Capitular Masonry. Kindly assure the Grand Secretary that inquiry has been made of our border Chapters and warning published therein by our inspectors, and that, while we regret that information at hand has been insufficient to enable us to fix any responsibility, we confidently hope that no repetition of the offence complained of will again disturb the peace and prosperity of the border Chapters.

Please convey to the Grand Secretary of Canada our fraternal greeting and our best wishes for the continued success of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada.

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS M. LEA,

*Grand High Priest.*

This being regularly submitted, R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand H., acting in my absence, replied as follows:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF CANADA.

Hamilton, May 12, 1908.

*Edwin Hagenbuch, Esq., Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of  
Ohio, Urbana, Ohio, U. S. A.:*

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,—I am instructed by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ult., to Right Excellent Companion Geo. J. Bennett, Grand S. E., who left for Europe before the arrival of your letter. The members of the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of Canada feel that they are under an obligation to your Most



Excellent Grand High Priest, and yourself, R. E. Companion, for the true Masonic manner in which the communication of our Grand Secretary was received, dealt with and replied to. We feel sure that we can rely on your co-operation in order to prevent a repetition of the illegal practices by the members of the Royal Craft on both sides of the line.

We extend to you our thanks and fraternal greetings. Believe me,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE MOORE,

*Grand H., Acting Grand Scribe E.*

With equal despatch the Grand High Priest of Michigan, M. E. Comp. Charles Cottrell, took the matter up. Desiring to have the affair thoroughly investigated, he appointed a committee for that purpose, consisting of P. G. H. Priests Thomas H. Williams, Eugene P. Robertson and Reuben C. Webb, which reported as follows:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:*

Your special Committee to which was referred the matter of certain alleged practices of some Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction visiting Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada and therein assisting in conferring the degree of Past Master, while that Grand Jurisdiction has abolished that degree and does not recognize it as one of the Chapter degrees, would respectfully report that it has had the matter under serious consideration and has considered all the evidence thereon which it could obtain.

From this investigation your Committee determines that there may have been some such digressions, but if any have occurred it has been to the end that visiting Companions to our Chapters in Michigan from the Chapters of Canada may sit in our Chapters without the necessity of being formally healed as a prerequisite.

Our laws, in contemplation of visits from Royal Arch Companions of Canada, and to encourage such fraternal visits from our sister jurisdiction which does not confer the degree of P. M., provide that such Companions may be formally healed to the end that they may be admitted to a seat in our Chapters, but these laws in no way permit or authorize any Companion to confer this degree outside of his own Chapter here in Michigan, when it must be conferred strictly according to our landmarks. If any Companions have assisted in the conferring of this degree in Canada it would be a violation of the laws of both jurisdictions, but your Committee is convinced that if any Companion

of Michigan has participated in any such acts it was not done with any intention of violating our own law or of the good spirit of comity and brotherly love existing between the members of this great Order in both jurisdictions, but has been done in the very height of the spirit of fraternity to enable Companions to freely visit Chapters in our jurisdiction.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Grand High Priest of Michigan issue a communication to the subordinate Chapters warning the Companions of this jurisdiction to refrain from in any manner participating in the conferring of the degree of Past Master within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and that such practices, if they are being indulged in, must cease.

Your Committee would further urge that this communication be issued forthwith and sent to all the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction with a requirement that the same be read at each regular meeting for three successive convocations.

Dated the 25th day of April, A.D. 1908.

(Signed)

THOS. H. WILLIAMS,  
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,  
REUBEN C. WEBB,  
*Committee.*

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Grand High Priest ordered the following warning to be sent to each Chapter of the Grand Jurisdiction:

Bay City, Michigan, May 4th, 1908.

*To the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:*

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada has notified us that it is informed that certain Royal Arch Masons of Michigan have invaded the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada and conferred the degree of Past Master on certain Royal Arch Masons in some of the Chapters of Canada, which degree was eliminated from Canada's system some years ago, the excuse being that it was done in order that our Canadian Companions might visit Chapters in Michigan. If this has been done it would be contrary to Capitular law of Canada and of our own jurisdiction, and subject those who participated to severe discipline.

The Capitular law of this Grand Jurisdiction permits Royal Arch Masons from foreign jurisdictions, who have not received all the degrees embraced in our system, to be "healed" by giving them such degrees in our Chapters, to the end that they may sit in such Chapters, and we always extend a cordial welcome to visiting Companions from foreign jurisdictions.

As the acts complained of, if committed, seem to have been the outgrowth of excessive fraternal courtesy rather than any intentional violation of our laws, no charges will be preferred at this time, but all Companions of this jurisdiction are warned and commanded not to engage in any such practices.

It is, therefore, ordered that this communication be read at each regular meeting of the Chapters of Michigan for three successive convocations.

CHARLES COTTRELL,

*Grand High Priest.*

Due acknowledgment of Michigan's action was made by myself to Grand Secretary Conover, and to him, as well as to Grand Secretary Hagenbuch of Ohio, the thanks of this Grand body are due for the fraternal courtesy displayed throughout, as well as the ready compliance with which the very unusual but necessary request was favored.

To my communication addressed at the same time to the Grand Secretary of the State of New York I am still awaiting a reply.

#### OUR FIFTIETH YEAR.

The event of a year ago, possessing, as it did, many features of special interest to this Grand body, it was considered justly appropriate that the record of the occasion should be in keeping with its importance. With the sanction of the Grand Council, therefore, I prepared the volume of Proceedings of our fiftieth Annual Convocation with such procurable data as the annals and circumstances favored me with, the portraits of all the Past Grand First Principals since organization, some of them secured only after much difficulty, and other matters of note, with which you are all now tolerably familiar, and, with due regard to economy, issued and distributed, as expeditiously as the conditions permitted, what is admittedly a fairly presentable report of the memorable culmination of our first epoch as a Grand Chapter.

The souvenir jewel as arranged was also sent to our representatives and to leading officers of Grand Chapters everywhere, and to this day I am in receipt of acknowledgments and congratulations from distant portions of

the English-speaking world. And not only acknowledgments, but scores of fraternal appeals from Companions in England, in far-away India, South Africa, Australia, and quite recently I was surprised with a pathetic request from a collector at Hong Kong for "that most elegantly artistic and highly beautiful medal." Where the gentleman saw or heard of it he did not disclose. As a matter of fact, the labor of the preliminaries in connection with the procuring and distribution of the jewel and the compilation of the Proceedings were trifling when compared with the aftermath. As time presses, I may be pardoned for deferring one or two recommendations I had thought out for easing matters at the next celebration.

#### THE YEAR'S GOOD SHOWING.

The first year of our second half-century has, according to report, been one of more or less financial stress, and felt in our own country as elsewhere. This year, too, the regulation increasing the minimum fee has been in operation for the first time for a long period. I am proud to report that the action of Grand Chapter in that respect has received the expected endorsation in general results. Despite adverse conditions, it is most gratifying to announce that to our already large membership we can boast an addition approaching one thousand, while to further assist the good work in a period of "hard times," six new Chapters have been born and others are in course of formation.

Our financial condition is, as you will later observe by the several statements, healthy and sound. Our jubilee celebration was, of course, necessarily responsible for a little outlay beyond the ordinary, while our grants to benevolence were this year in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars. The receipts from all sources are greater than last year, and the statements would present even a better showing but for the large number of Chapter secretaries who persist in ignoring the request to send in the Annual Return immediately after their December Convocation, and retaining it until the eve of Grand Chapter, and, in some cases, later.

## THE SCRIBE E. AND HIS DUTIES.

For some reason, too, there are a number of the Scribes E. who, although frequently reminded of the necessity for making prompt application for registration and certificate, prefer to delay it until the period of the Annual Return. Two important features in this case are overlooked. In the first place application after exaltation is a constitutional requirement, and the persistent neglect of same amounts to a violation of law. Secondly, the newly-exalted Companion is apprised that the fee which he has paid entitles him to those credentials, yet the Chapter retains his money, sometimes for nearly a year, and does not relinquish until the forwarding of the Annual Return compels it. It has again happened this year that regularly exalted Companions have had their names struck off the list of applicants for new Chapters, because of the neglect of the Scribe E. of their original Chapter to comply with the regulation requiring prompt registration.

Acting on the approved recommendation of the Finance Committee, I procured, at a reasonable figure, the articles of furniture necessary for completing the office requirements, and it now presents, if not a luxurious, at least a neat appearance.

## CHARTERS TO NEW CHAPTERS.

The issue of charters to Chapters U. D. having been endorsed by Grand Chapter, warrants were engrossed and forwarded to the custody of the First Principals of the Chapters at Ancaster and Madoc, Ont.; Hartney, Man.; Lethbridge and High River, Alta., and Prince Albert, Sask. Learning from the Scribe E. that the warrant, with everything else of the equipment, of Crow's Nest Chapter at Fernie had been consumed in the disastrous fire of August last, I caused a duplicate of same to be engrossed and forwarded by registered mail. I have heard nothing from Fernie since.

## BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

The following Chapters enacted new codes of by-laws, approved in each case by the M. E. the Grand Z.



Erie, No. 73, Ridgetown; Assiniboia, No. 126, Medicine Hat; Tuscan, No. 95, Sudbury; St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville; Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford; Ancaster, No. 155, Ancaster; Prince Albert, No. 160, Prince Albert; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas; Ark, No. 80, Windsor; St. Andrew's, No. 139, Havelock; York, No. 62, Eglinton; Doric, No. 60, Newmarket; Avondale, No. 156, Hartney; Shekinah, No. 158, Lethbridge.

Amendments to existing by-laws were submitted by the following Chapters and approved:

St. George's, No. 5, London; Mount Horeb, No. 20, Brantford; Brant, No. 116, Paris; Succoth, No. 135, Uxbridge; Havelock, No. 63, Kincardine; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin; White Oak, No. 104, Oakville; Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur; Excelsior, No. 45, Colborne; Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee; St. Clair, No. 75, Milton; Bernard, No. 146, Listowel; Leeds, No. 132, Gananoque; Orient, No. 79, Toronto; St. Francis, No. 133, Smith's Falls; St. John's, No. 3, London; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto; Granite, No. 61, Almonte; Wellington, No. 47, Chatham; Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia; Keystone, No. 72, Stirling; London, No. 150, London; Grand River, No. 70, Bracebridge; Madoc, No. 161, Madoc; Midland, No. 94, Lindsay; Maple, No. 116, Carleton Place; Corinthian, No. 36, Peterboro; Alberta, No. 106, Calgary; North Star, No. 118, Edmonton; Rossland, No. 122, Rossland; Grenville, No. 22, Prescott; Huron, No. 30, Goderich; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin.

#### NEW CHAPTERS FORMED.

Dispensations were issued to petitioning Companions for new Chapters at the following places:

Moosejaw Chapter, U. D., at Moosejaw, Sask.—Fourteen petitioners: James McCauley, Walter E. Seaborn, William Keay, Joseph E. Caldwell, Edward C. Matthews, Richard H. Clarke, Wellington B. Wilmoughby, Fredk. W. Mudge, No. 121; John H. Wellington, No. 52; Chas. A. Jacques, No. 27; Geo. H. Campbell, No. 135; Alex. Broadfoot, No. 146; W. E. Knowles, No. 47; Fred. M. Morris, No. 12, G.L.N.S.



The Beaches Chapter, U. D., at Toronto, Ont.—Thirteen petitioners: John McCurrah, No. 4; Wm. A. Lyon, Chas. T. Lyon, No. 8; Caspar Clark, Horace Hardy, No. 77; J. McP. Ross, J. W. Pizer, D. D. Grierson, No. 79; G. M. Ritchie, No. 36; Wm. Earrett, No. 3; David A. Clark, No. 135; W. N. McEachren, Geo. J. Stanley, No. 145.

Lorne Chapter, U. D., at West Lorne, Ont.—Eleven petitioners: William Milner, John E. Milner, No. 53; William McLean, No. 3; D. F. Webster, James R. Fuller, Jas. D. McLean, Joseph B. Stinson, Edwin A. Hugill, O. R. G. Stinson, Arthur St. G. Winlow, No. 73; J. J. Haylock, No. 119.

Saskatoon Chapter, U. D., at Saskatoon, Sask.—Eleven petitioners: T. Wesley Fawcett, No. 102; G. A. Munroe, No. 143; A. R. Orme, No. 150; T. Skerratt, No. 129; Alex. E. St. Laurent, No. 121; D. W. Beaubier, Robert Smythe, No. 141; T. D. Newell, No. 1, G.R.Q.; William Hopkins, No. 156, G.R.C.; Chas. Garton, No. 1657, G.R.E.; Harry L. Bawness, No. 12, G.R.N.S.

Moose Mountain Chapter, U. D., at Arcola, Sask.—Fourteen petitioners: J. R. Anderson, John H. Morrison, Thos. C. Yeoward, Geo. W. McDonald, J. Sanger Bush, Edward Ripley, Chas. R. Young, John McKinnon, A. W. Beatty, E. W. F. Harris, John Hickson, R. J. Marriott, No. 121; R. J. Templeton, No. 102; Richard Francis, No. 35.

A petition with fee from 26 applicants at Midland, Ont., for a Chapter to be named "Georgian," was recently received, but, although recommended by the Grand Superintendent, the endorsement of the nearest Chapter was lacking, and the authority for instituting the new venture is held pending its receipt. The names appended to the application are as follows: Geo. H. Travis, A. C. Adams, J. S. McDowell, J. S. Fraleigh, J. Jacks, L. L. Corby, R. A. Alexander, J. W. Demorest, W. E. Preston, W. E. Montgomery, C. M. Tremere, F. Porker, M. J. Martin, W. R. Benson, H. M. Warwick, G. W. Robinson, W. J. W. Wigg, No. 34; A. Macauley, No. 130; A. A.

Hollett, No. 23; J. G. Gidley, W. R. Rowland, No. 27; R. F. White, No. 86; R. D. Keefe, No. 45; David Todd, No. 91; H. R. Merkley, No. 112; A. F. Foote, No. 145.

#### THE YEAR'S ACTIVITY.

The total membership of Grand Chapter at the close of the financial year is 13,032, as against 12,071 last year, being a net gain for 1908 of 961.

The Chapters showing a record of fifteen or more exaltations within the period being as follows: Wascana, No. 121, 46; Golden West, No. 159, 44; Occident, No. 77, 42; Moosejaw, U. D., 37; King Edward, No. 136, 33; St. John's, No. 3, 33; Westminster, No. 124, 28; Vancouver, No. 98, 27; St. George's, No. 5, 25; Mount Horeb, No. 20, and Lorne, U. D., 24 each; St. John's, No. 6, and Carleton, No. 16, 23 each; Keystone, No. 99, and Algonquin, No. 102, 22 each; The Hiram, No. 2, Wellington, No. 47, and Prince Rupert, No. 52, 19 each; Tecumseh, No. 24, 18; Ark, No. 80, 17; Klondike, No. 154, 16; Mount Sinai, No. 44, Georgian, No. 56, Alberta, No. 106, and Assiniboia, No. 126, 15 each.

#### DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

Chapters from which no returns have been received to date are: Crow's Nest, No. 137, Fernie; St. John's, No. 148, Vankleek Hill; Laurentian, No. 151, Pembroke, and Alberton, No. 152, Fort Frances.

I herewith submit a statement of the monies received by me and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:

## CASH STATEMENT—GRAND SCRIBE E.

## DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| From Chapters—Certificates .....      | \$1,276.00 |            |
| Membership Fees .....                 | 2,990.65   |            |
| Registration Fees .....               | 1,318.50   |            |
| Dispensations .....                   | 182.00     |            |
| Warrants .....                        | 50.00      |            |
| Constitutions .....                   | 163.70     |            |
| Sundries, Ceremonies, etc....         | 103.15     |            |
| Souvenir Badges .....                 | 37.00      |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$6,121.00 |
| Interest—Industrial School Bonds..... | \$ 680.00  |            |
| Toronto General Trusts .....          | 80.00      |            |
| Town of Orillia Debentures .....      | 98.89      |            |
| Town of Oshawa Debentures .....       | 119.58     |            |
| City of Stratford Debentures .....    | 100.84     |            |
| Bank of Commerce .....                | 31.64      |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | 1,110.95   |
|                                       |            | <hr/>      |
|                                       |            | \$7,231.95 |

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| 1908—Feb. 13—Grand Treasurer..... | \$ 49.45   |
| Mar. 16—“ “ .....                 | 500.00     |
| May 4—“ “ .....                   | 20.50      |
| May 29—“ “ .....                  | 24.04      |
| June 1—“ “ .....                  | 50.50      |
| June 9—“ “ .....                  | 340.00     |
| June 27—“ “ .....                 | 33.00      |
| July 23—“ “ .....                 | 500.00     |
| July 6—“ “ .....                  | 40.00      |
| Aug. 6—“ “ .....                  | 100.00     |
| Aug. 7—“ “ .....                  | 49.44      |
| Oct. 16—“ “ .....                 | 300.00     |
| Nov. 30—“ “ .....                 | 7.60       |
| Dec. 5—“ “ .....                  | 400.00     |
| Dec. 9—“ “ .....                  | 340.00     |
| Dec. 9—“ “ .....                  | 119.58     |
| Dec. 18—“ “ .....                 | 500.00     |
| Dec. 28—“ “ .....                 | 500.00     |
| 1909—Jan. 2—“ “ .....             | 1,000.00   |
| Jan. 4—“ “ .....                  | 100.84     |
| Jan. 5—“ “ .....                  | 40.00      |
| Jan. 5—“ “ .....                  | 1,000.00   |
| Jan. 13—“ “ .....                 | 1,217.00   |
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|                                   | \$7,231.95 |

## ANNUAL STATEMENT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

## FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

|                                        |        |                      |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 Ant. Frontenac<br>and Cataraqui...\$ | 33.65  | 68 Maitland.....     | 13.40  |
| 2 The Hiram.....                       | 110.50 | 69 Grimsby.....      | 41.95  |
| 3 St. John's.....                      | 149.50 | 70 Grand River....   | 23.75  |
| 4 St. Andrew's and<br>St. John's.....  | 52.25  | 71 Prince of Wales.. | 66.50  |
| 5 St. George's.....                    | 110.55 | 73 Erie.....         | 12.75  |
| 6 St. John's.....                      | 121.00 | 74 Beaver.....       | 45.35  |
| 7 The Moira.....                       | 61.00  | 75 St. Clair.....    | 23.70  |
| 8 King Solomon's..                     | 71.00  | 76 Mt. Nebo.....     | 53.75  |
| 15 Wawanosh.....                       | 83.00  | 77 Occident.....     | 164.50 |
| 16 Carleton.....                       | 62.65  | 78 Minnewawa.....    | 39.00  |
| 18 Oxford.....                         | 26.40  | 79 Orient.....       | 82.50  |
| 20 Mt. Horeb.....                      | 96.75  | 80 Ark.....          | 75.35  |
| 22 Grenville.....                      | 20.00  | 81 Aylmer.....       | 43.90  |
| 23 Ezra.....                           | 97.50  | 82 Shuniah.....      | 60.40  |
| 24 Tecumseh.....                       | 73.95  | 83 Ionic.....        | 28.95  |
| 26 St. Mark's.....                     | 30.90  | 84 Lebanon.....      | 2.50   |
| 27 Manitou.....                        | 97.75  | 86 Macpherson.....   | 39.15  |
| 28 Pentalpha.....                      | 31.15  | 90 Golden.....       | 54.15  |
| 31 Prince Edward...                    | 61.00  | 91 Antiquity.....    | 18.00  |
| 32 Waterloo.....                       | 28.50  | 94 Midland.....      | 52.50  |
| 34 Signet.....                         | 81.00  | 95 Tuscan.....       | 20.90  |
| 35 Keystone.....                       | 26.00  | 98 Vancouver.....    | 130.65 |
| 36 Corinthian.....                     | 43.65  | 99 Keystone.....     | 57.75  |
| 37 Victoria.....                       | 65.25  | 100 St. Lawrence.... | 30.25  |
| 40 Guelph.....                         | 30.50  | 101 Corinthian.....  | 26.50  |
| 41 Harris.....                         | 56.90  | 102 Algonquin.....   | 95.65  |
| 44 Mt. Sinai.....                      | 51.25  | 103 St. John's.....  | 36.50  |
| 45 Excelsior.....                      | 32.50  | 104 White Oak.....   | 22.50  |
| 46 St. James.....                      | 14.50  | 106 Alberta.....     | 67.75  |
| 47 Wellington.....                     | 80.00  | 110 Warkworth.....   | 12.00  |
| 48 St. John's.....                     | 2.90   | 112 St. John's.....  | 29.75  |
| 52 Prince Rupert...                    | 119.00 | 113 Covenant.....    | 27.00  |
| 53 Bruce.....                          | 51.25  | 114 Bonnechere.....  | 23.50  |
| 54 Palestine.....                      | 62.50  | 115 Brant.....       | 54.90  |
| 55 Niagara.....                        | 15.25  | 116 Maple.....       | 28.75  |
| 56 Georgian.....                       | 67.75  | 117 Berlin.....      | 17.50  |
| 57 King Hiram.....                     | 4.00   | 118 North Star.....  | 48.00  |
| 58 Pembroke.....                       | 20.75  | 119 King Cyrus.....  | 21.00  |
| 59 Sussex.....                         | 106.25 | 120 Kootenay.....    | 17.00  |
| 60 Doric.....                          | 4.00   | 121 Wascana.....     | 97.35  |
| 61 Granite.....                        | 27.25  | 122 Rossland.....    | 10.00  |
| 62 York.....                           | 47.50  | 124 Westminster..... | 77.80  |
| 63 Havelock.....                       | 15.00  | 125 Rocky Mountain   | 43.25  |
| 65 St. Paul's.....                     | 51.00  | 126 Assiniboia.....  | 50.25  |
| 66 The Malloch.....                    | 18.50  | 127 Keystone.....    | 22.50  |
| 67 Enterprise.....                     | 72.25  | 128 Revelstoke.....  | 20.25  |
|                                        |        | 129 Elliot.....      | 16.50  |
|                                        |        | 132 Leeds.....       | 30.00  |

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| 133 St. Francis. . . . .     | \$ 28.00 | 153 Sombra. . . . .          | \$ 34.15  |
| 134 King Darius. . . . .     | 21.00    | 154 Klondike. . . . .        | 74.50     |
| 135 Succoth. . . . .         | 15.50    | 155 Ancaster. . . . .        | 16.50     |
| 136 King Edward. . . . .     | 109.75   | 156 Avondale. . . . .        | 35.45     |
| 137 Crow's Nest. . . . .     | 14.50    | 157 Okanagan. . . . .        | 43.00     |
| 138 Shekinah. . . . .        | 44.00    | 158 Shekinah. . . . .        | 113.00    |
| 139 St. Andrew's. . . . .    | 51.25    | 159 Golden West. . . . .     | 115.00    |
| 140 Fort William. . . . .    | 48.75    | 160 Prince Albert. . . . .   | 54.90     |
| 142 Cyrus. . . . .           | 16.25    | 161 Madoc. . . . .           | 59.75     |
| 143 Glengary. . . . .        | 18.75    | U.D. Moosejaw. . . . .       | 100.50    |
| 144 Presqu' Isle. . . . .    | 19.75    | U.D. The Beaches. . . . .    | 51.50     |
| 145 The St. Patrick. . . . . | 138.50   | U.D. Lorne. . . . .          | 73.00     |
| 146 Bernard. . . . .         | 31.00    | U.D. Saskatoon. . . . .      | 25.00     |
| 147 Lucknow. . . . .         | 64.00    | U.D. Moose Mountain. . . . . | 25.00     |
| 149 Atwood. . . . .          | 24.50    | U.D. Georgian. . . . .       | 25.00     |
| 150 London. . . . .          | 52.50    |                              |           |
| 151 Laurentian. . . . .      | 11.00    |                              |           |
| 152 Alberton. . . . .        | 8.25     |                              |           |
|                              |          |                              | \$6121.00 |

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

*Grand Scribe E.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

WM. GIBSON, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

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| Jany. 16 | To | Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce. | \$ 4,962.48 |
| Feby. 13 | "  | Orillia Coupons . . . . .             | 49.45       |
| Mar. 16  | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 500.00      |
| May 4    | "  | Grand Scribe E., per Gd. H. . . . .   | 20.50       |
| May 29   | "  | Interest . . . . .                    | 24.04       |
| June 1   | "  | Grand Scribe E., per Gd. H. . . . .   | 50.50       |
| June 9   | "  | Industrial Coupons . . . . .          | 340.00      |
| June 27  | "  | Grand Scribe E., per Gd. H. . . . .   | 33.00       |
| July 23  | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 500.00      |
| July 6   | "  | Toronto General Trusts. . . . .       | 40.00       |
| Aug. 6   | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 100.00      |
| Aug. 7   | "  | Orillia Coupons . . . . .             | 49.44       |
| Oct. 16  | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 300.00      |
| Nov. 30  | "  | Interest . . . . .                    | 7.60        |
| Dec. 5   | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 400.00      |
| Dec. 9   | "  | Industrial School Coupons. . . . .    | 340.00      |
| Dec. 9   | "  | Oshawa Coupons . . . . .              | 119.58      |
| Dec. 18  | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 500.00      |
| Dec. 28  | "  | Grand Scribe E. . . . .               | 500.00      |

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| Jany. 2  | To | Grand Scribe E.....         | \$1,000.00 |
| Jany. 4  | "  | Stratford Coupons .....     | 100.84     |
| Jany. 5  | "  | Toronto General Trusts..... | 40.00      |
| Jany. 5  | "  | Grand Scribe E.....         | 1,000.00   |
| Jany. 13 | "  | Grand Scribe E.....         | 1,217.00   |

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 \$12,194.43

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| Jan. 24 | By Order | 10, Daughter of Comp. John Dean..     | Benevolence \$ | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | "                                     | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 11, Comp. E. H. Ball....              | "              | 22.50  |
| "       | "        | 12, Mrs. John Munro...                | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 13, Mrs. Alex. Findlay..              | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 14, Mrs. J. E. Malone...              | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 15, Mrs. J. W. Waugh...               | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 16, Mrs. W. T. Duff....               | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 17, Mrs. J. F. Holman..               | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 18, Mrs. Edmund Hill..                | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 19, Mrs. John Kennedy..               | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 20, Comp. Jas. Fisher...              | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 21, Comp. C. W. Smith                 | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 22, Comp. Arch. Couper                | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 23, Toronto B. of Relief              | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 24, Mrs. W. B. Wallace.               | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 25, Mrs. J. S. Baker....              | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 26, Mrs. H. Rankin....                | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 27, Mrs. Jas. O'Connor..              | "              | 22.50  |
| "       | "        | 28, Mrs. Wm. Marriott.                | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 29, Mrs. Peter Grant ...              | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 30, Miss Simpson .....                | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 31, Mrs. H. J. Southby..              | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 32, Mrs. J. E. Halliwell.             | "              | 45.00  |
| "       | "        | 33, Children of Mrs. Halliwell .....  | "              | 30.00  |
| "       | "        | 34, Mrs. H. St. V. Johnstone .....    | "              | 15.00  |
| "       | "        | 35, Mrs. W. E. Johnston               | "              | 204.68 |
| "       | "        | 36, The Hemsley Mfg. Co.....          | "              | 67.25  |
| "       | "        | 37, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....      | "              | 10.00  |
| "       | "        | 38, Grand Janitor .....               | "              | 171.00 |
| "       | "        | 39, G. S. E., Bal. of Incidentals.... | "              | 450.00 |
| "       | "        | 40, G. S. E., Adv. for Incidentals... | "              | 200.00 |
| "       | "        | 41, Foreign Correspondence Report.    | "              | 49.50  |
| "       | 31       | 42, Thomson Eng. Co., Toronto.....    | "              | 37.50  |
| "       | "        | 43, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....      | "              | 11.75  |
| "       | "        | 44, Kent & Co., repairs.....          | "              | 28.50  |
| "       | "        | 45, Mitchell & Co., Regalia Cases.... | "              | 26.00  |
| Feb. 1  | "        | 46, Bell Telephone Co., Toronto....   | "              | 10.25  |
| " 8     | "        | 47, Masonic History Co.....           | "              |        |



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| Mar. 10  | By Order | 48, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....                 | \$ 888.13    |
| "        | "        | " 49, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates....         | 516.25       |
| "        | "        | " 50, D. Henderson, Engrsg. Warrants             | 30.00        |
| "        | 20       | " 51, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....               | 450.00       |
| "        | "        | " 52, Grand Treasurer, Salary .....              | 25.00        |
| Apr. 1   | "        | " 53, Rolph, Clark Co.....                       | 3.00         |
| "        | "        | " 54, Rent of Office .....                       | 99.00        |
| "        | "        | " 55, Grand Scribe E., salary.....               | 450.00       |
| "        | "        | " 56, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....               | 25.00        |
| "        | 6        | " 57, Howell Lith. Co.....                       | 40.00        |
| "        | "        | " 58, Copp, Clark Co., Warrants.....             | 80.40        |
| "        | 7        | " 59, Jas. M. Pritchard, Catering.....           | 67.95        |
| May 9    | "        | " Hospital for Sick Children.....                | 500.00       |
| July 13  | "        | " 60, Kent & Co., Goods.....                     | 3.25         |
| "        | "        | " 61, Office Specialty Co.....                   | 141.90       |
| "        | "        | " 62, Bond, Grand Treasurer .....                | 5.00         |
| "        | "        | " 63, Bond, G. S. E.....                         | 5.00         |
| "        | "        | " 64, T. Eaton Co., Chairs.....                  | 15.92        |
| "        | "        | " 65, Atwell Fleming Prtg. Co.....               | 80.88        |
| "        | 31       | " 66, Dau. of John Dean..Benevolence             | 37.50        |
| "        | "        | " 67, Comp. E. H. Ball....                       | 22.50        |
| "        | "        | " 68, Mrs. John Munro....                        | <b>22.50</b> |
| "        | "        | " 69, Mrs. Alex. Findlay..                       | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 70, Mrs. J. E. Malone....                      | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 71, Mrs. J. W. Waugh..                         | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 72, Mrs. W. T. Duff....                        | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 73, Mrs. J. F. Holman..                        | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 74, Mrs. E. Hill .....                         | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 75, Mrs. John Kennedy.                         | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 76, Comp. John Fisher..                        | 37.50        |
| "        | "        | " 77, Comp. C. W. Smith                          | 37.50        |
| "        | "        | " 78, Comp. Arch. Couper                         | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 79, Comp. Fred. Mudge                          | 37.50        |
| "        | "        | " 80, Mrs. W. B. Wallace                         | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 81, Mrs. J. S. Baker....                       | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 82, Mrs. H. Rankin.....                        | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 83, Mrs. Jas. O'Connor.                        | 37.50        |
| "        | "        | " 84, Mrs. W. Marriott....                       | 22.50        |
| "        | "        | " 85, Mrs. Peter Grant...                        | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 86, Miss Simpson .....                         | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 87, Mrs. H. J. Southby..                       | 15.00        |
| "        | "        | " 88, Mrs. J. E. Halliwell<br>and children ..... | 82.50        |
| "        | "        | " 89, Mrs. St. V. Johnstone                      | 30.00        |
| "        | "        | " 90, Mrs. W. E. Johnston                        | 15.00        |
| Aug. 4   | "        | " 91, Bell Tel. Co., Toronto.....                | 26.00        |
| "        | 25       | " 92, Hemsley Mfg. Co.....                       | 31.85        |
| "        | 27       | " 93, T. Eaton Co., Goods.....                   | 7.10         |
| Sept. 30 | "        | " 94, Insce. Office, G. S. E.....                | 4.00         |
| "        | "        | " 95, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....               | 450.00       |
| "        | "        | " 96, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....               | 25.00        |
| Dec. 5   | "        | " 97, Rent of Office.....                        | 99.00        |

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

|        |          |                                   |         |
|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Dec. 5 | By Order | 98, D. Henderson, Engrsg.....     | \$ 5.00 |
| " 31   | "        | 99, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....  | 450.00  |
| " "    | "        | 100, Grand Treasurer, Salary..... | 25.00   |

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| Jan. 18 | By Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce... | 4,938.37 |
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 \$12,194.43

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

|                                                                 |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Company, at 4 per ct..            | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, No. 1-34, at 4 per cent. .... | 17,000.00   |
| Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, at 4 per cent....          | 1,218.13    |
| Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, at 4 per cent....          | 1,266.86    |
| Debentures, City of Stratford, Nos. 70-1, at 4 per cent.        | 1,521.00    |
| Debentures, City of Stratford, No. 69, at 4 per cent...         | 1,000.00    |
| Debentures, Oshawa, No. 16.....                                 | 1,300.61    |
| Debentures, Oshawa, No. 17.....                                 | 1,359.14    |
| Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....                          | 4,938.37    |

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 \$31,604.11

Hamilton Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce,  
18th January, 1909.

We hereby certify that the above named bonds and debentures are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping on account of Wm. Gibson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the balance at the credit of the Hon. Wm. Gibson, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of the Bank, at the close of business at this date is four thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents.

D. B. DEWAR, *Manager.*

D. MUIRHEAD, *Accountant.*

Fraternally submitted,

WM. GIBSON,

*Grand Treasurer.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

*Resolved*,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1908, be received and referred to the Executive Committee, for audit and to report thereon at the present convocation

## BENEVOLENCE.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z. and Companions of the  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

| Chapter | No. |                                        |                |
|---------|-----|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| "       | "   | 1. Daughter of John Dean.....          | \$50.00        |
| "       | "   | 1. Comp. E. H. Ball.....               | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 1. Widow of John Munroe.....           | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 3. Widow of John E. Malone.....        | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 3. Widow of John W. Waugh.....         | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 6. Widow of Edmund Hill.....           | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 6. Widow of John Kennedy.....          | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 6. Widow of John F. Holman.....        | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 22. Daughter of Comp. Henry Mossman... | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 23. Comp. James Fisher.....            | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 28. Comp. Chas. W. Smith.....          | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 29. Comp. Arch. Couper.....            | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 37. Widow of W. B. Wallace.....        | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 37. Widow of J. S. Baker.....          | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 44. Widow of H. Rankin.....            | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 52. Widow of Jas. O'Connor.....        | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 54. Widow of Wm. Marriott.....         | 30.00          |
| "       | "   | 54. Widow of Peter Grant.....          | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 59. Daughter of W. B. Simpson.....     | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 59. Widow of H. J. Southby.....        | 20.00          |
| "       | "   | 72. Widow of J. E. Halliwell.....      | 50.00          |
| "       | "   | 72. Children of J. E. Halliwell.....   | 60.00          |
| "       | "   | 77. Widow of H. St. V. Johnstone.....  | 40.00          |
| "       | "   | 81. Widow of W. E. Johnston.....       | 40.00          |
|         |     |                                        | <hr/> \$900.00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,

*Chairman.*

It was moved by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

## WARRANTS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that we have examined the papers and correspondence of Moosejaw Chapter, U. D., Moosejaw; The Beaches Chapter, U. D., Toronto East, and Lorne Chapter, U. D., West Lorne, and find they are all doing good work, well equipped and officered, with bright prospects, and recommend that charters be granted in each case.

With reference to Moose Mountain Chapter, U. D., at Arcola, Saskatchewan, and Saskatoon Chapter, U. D., at Saskatoon, Sask., as no official report as to their work, etc., has come to hand, we recommend that their dispensations be continued until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FORBES.

*Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, seconded by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

## AUDIT AND FINANCE.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer and find that they agree with the certified statement of the bank up to 18th January, 1909.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year:

# RECEIPTS.

|                                          |             |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| To Balance on hand, Dec. 31st, 1907..... | \$ 4,962.48 |             |
| " Certificates .....                     | 1,276.00    |             |
| " Membership Dues .....                  | 2,990.65    |             |
| " Registration Fees .....                | 1,318.50    |             |
| " Dispensations .....                    | 182.00      |             |
| " Warrants .....                         | 50.00       |             |
| " Constitutions .....                    | 163.70      |             |
| " Sundries, Ceremonies, etc.....         | 103.15      |             |
| " Souvenir Badges .....                  | 37.00       |             |
| Interest—Industrial School Bonds .....   | 680.00      |             |
| " —Toronto General Trusts Bonds...       | 80.00       |             |
| " —Town of Orillia Bonds.....            | 98.89       |             |
| " —City of Stratford Bonds.....          | 100.84      |             |
| " —Town of Oshawa.....                   | 119.58      |             |
| " —Bank of Commerce.....                 | 31.64       |             |
|                                          |             | <hr/>       |
|                                          |             | \$12,194.43 |

# DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                          |             |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grants to Benevolence.....               | \$ 1,440.00 |             |
| Grant to Hospital for Sick Children..... | 500.00      |             |
| Hemsley Mnf'g. Co.....                   | 236.53      |             |
| Salaries .....                           | 1,900.00    |             |
| Printing Proceedings, Forms, etc.....    | 955.38      |             |
| Printing, Binding Constitutions.....     | 118.38      |             |
| Incidentals .....                        | 621.00      |             |
| Foreign Correspondence Report .....      | 200.00      |             |
| The Rolph Clark Co., Certificates .....  | 519.25      |             |
| Rent, Temple Building .....              | 198.00      |             |
| Office Specialty Co., Furniture .....    | 141.90      |             |
| Eaton Co. ....                           | 23.02       |             |
| J. Pritchard, Refreshments .....         | 67.95       |             |
| Copp Clark Co., Warrants.....            | 80.40       |             |
| Howell Litho Co.....                     | 40.00       |             |
| Thomson Engraving Co.....                | 49.50       |             |
| Bell Telephone Co.....                   | 52.00       |             |
| Messrs. Mitchell, Regalia Cases.....     | 28.50       |             |
| Kent & Co., Repairs, etc.....            | 15.00       |             |
| Masonic History Co.....                  | 10.25       |             |
| D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants.....   | 35.00       |             |
| Guarantee Co., Bonds.....                | 10.00       |             |
| Insurance, Office Effects.....           | 4.00        |             |
| Grand Janitor .....                      | 10.00       |             |
|                                          |             | <hr/>       |
| Total Disbursements .....                | \$ 7,256.06 |             |
| Balance in Bank of Commerce.....         | 4,938.37    |             |
|                                          |             | <hr/>       |
|                                          |             | \$12,194.43 |

## ASSETS.

|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bonds Toronto General Trusts, 4%.....      | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Bonds Toronto Industrial School, 4%.....   | 17,000.00   |
| Debentures Town of Orillia, No. 10, 4%.... | 1,218.13    |
| Debentures Town of Orillia, No. 11, 4%.... | 1,266.86    |
| Debentures City of Stratford, 4%.....      | 1,521.00    |
| Debentures City of Stratford, 4%.....      | 1,000.00    |
| Debentures Town of Oshawa, No. 10.....     | 1,300.61    |
| Debentures Town of Oshawa, No. 17.....     | 1,359.14    |
| Balance Bank of Commerce.....              | 4,938.37    |
|                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                            | \$31,604.11 |

Your Committee beg to recommend the following appropriations:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Benevolence Grants .....              | \$900.00 |
| Foreign Correspondence Committee..... | 200.00   |
| Incidentals, Advance, 1909.....       | 450.00   |
| Balance of Incidentals, 1908.....     | 42.00    |

In accordance with your Committee's recommendation of last year several necessary articles of furniture have been procured for the Grand Scribe E.'s office. These furnishings not only give the office a most presentable appearance, but better fit it to the requirements such an office should possess.

There is still, your Committee regret to say, a great dilatoriness shown on the part of some Chapters throughout the jurisdiction in not forwarding their returns promptly to the Grand Scribe E. Such lack of promptness in the sending in of returns is a cause of great inconvenience to all concerned in the closing up of the books for the year.

Your Committee with pleasure note the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. Although the past year has been looked upon as a stringent one in financial circles, yet it will be seen from the financial statement presented that Grand Chapter has nothing to complain of.

In closing this report your Committee wish to say that they found the books of the Grand Scribe E. and



the Grand Treasurer kept in the most accurate and satisfactory manner.

Fraternally yours,  
HENRY T. SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

Moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

### REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer. I was first appointed to the office in 1895, when it was created by Grand Chapter, and have occupied the position continuously during the last fourteen years.

The clause in the Constitution relating to the duties of Grand Lecturer provides that Chapters requiring his services shall pay the expense of such services. Apparently the Chapters requiring the services of the Grand Lecturer could not afford to pay the expense and the Chapters which could afford to pay the expense did not require his services. The result has been that until this year I have not been called upon to perform any of the functions of the office. This year I received an invitation from the E. Z. of Occident Chapter, No. 77, to visit the Chapter officially, and on June 12th I attended the regular convocation, inspected their work, and delivered an address on the "Symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry." The attendance of members and visitors was large, and the visit of the Grand Lecturer appeared to be much appreciated.

E. Comp. E. J. Repath as Z. has conducted the affairs of the Chapter with marked ability, and the reputation of Occident, No. 77, for general efficiency is second to none.

In most of the jurisdictions on this continent the office of Grand Lecturer is one of great importance, and the

excellence of the work in the Grand Chapters of the United States is largely due to the efforts put forth by these officers.

In concluding this report I desire to say that some provision should be made for utilizing the services of the Grand Lecturer or the office should be abolished.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NIXON,  
Grand Lecturer.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Forbes, and

*Resolved* — That the report of the Grand Lecturer be received and adopted.

### CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry begs leave to report that it has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the eighteen Grand Superintendents who have represented the M. E. Grand Z. in the eighteen districts into which, for the convenience of visitation and inspection this Grand jurisdiction is divided. The Committee has also had submitted for its information a special report on the condition of Klondike Chapter in the Yukon Territory, which at present is not attached to any district.

From these reports your Committee finds that there is now on the roll of this Grand Chapter 138 Chapters, of which 133 are Warranted and 5 working under Dispensation.

The total membership at our last regular Convocation was reported to be 12,071. The details of the growth, etc., during the present year are as follows:

|                        |       |                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Initiations . . . . .  | 1,295 | Resignations . . . . . | 222   |
| Joinings . . . . .     | 187   | S. N. P. D. . . . .    | 183   |
| Restorations . . . . . | 21    | Deaths . . . . .       | 137   |
|                        | <hr/> |                        | <hr/> |
|                        | 1,503 |                        | 542   |

This shows the net gain for the year 1908 to be 961, which gives us a present membership of 13,032.

The numerical growth is not as large as that of last year. The falling off, however, is not serious, and is accounted for by two facts: (1) the financial stringency which has prevailed; (2) the increase of the exaltation fee from \$10 to \$20. The financial stringency is passing away. The increased fee will remain, but will not deter anyone whose circumstances warrant his belonging to the Royal Craft from seeking admission thereto. Your Committee is of opinion that the increased fee will in the nature of things strengthen the Craft, because the cheapening of degrees never has, and never will, permanently add to the numerical, social or moral life of Masonic institutions. It is true that the character and standing of the man marks his value rather than the money he possesses. While this is so, if the sum of \$10 affects a candidate's comforts or habits of life he is better to stay out of Masonry until his circumstances are improved.

The evidence afforded by the reports warrants the Committee in stating that the new growth is a healthy one, and that the quality of the initiates was never better or higher than it has been during the past year. Your Committee, therefore, ventures to congratulate Grand Chapter on the care exercised by the subordinate Chapters in the selection of material.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents have been carefully scrutinized by your Committee, and it is pleased to state that these officers have, so far as circumstances permitted them, visited the Chapters under their charge. Very few Chapters in the province of Ontario were not inspected. In fact, outside of the great district of Algoma there were only three that did not receive a visit. In the district of Algoma there are two Chapters east of Lake Superior and five west of it. The Superintendent for the present year, residing at Sudbury, found it impossible to arrange convenient periods for visiting the Chapters beyond Lake Superior, with the result that only two, viz., Tuscan, at Sudbury, and Algonquin, at Sault Ste. Marie, were inspected by him. The Superintendent expresses the opinion that Tuscan and Algonquin might with advantage be attached to the Georgian District, as the Chapter at North Bay is in that district, and

the Superintendent of the Georgian District, after inspecting it, could conveniently visit the other two Chapters. This would leave the other five Chapters all west of Lake Superior in a district comparatively compact and easily visited. Your Committee commend this change to the favorable consideration of Grand Chapter.

In the districts of Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta and Kootenay, the distances separating Chapters are enormous, the facilities for travelling in many cases are not good, and the loss of time and great expense incident to visiting all the Chapters in any of these districts make it entirely too great a sacrifice for any busy man of limited means to undertake. The Grand Superintendent of British Columbia visited all his Chapters, but in the other districts it was not possible for the Superintendents to do so. They have, however, kept well in touch with their Chapters, and their reports are really inspiring. The presence of the Grand Z. in many western districts has had an excellent effect, and, no doubt, was the direct cause of increased numerical strength wherever he went. It is with peculiar pleasure your Committee reports that nearly half of the increased growth of Grand Chapter during the present year came from the western provinces, Alberta District, No. 17, showing the largest increase of any district in this Grand Chapter.

In view of their inability to visit Chapters except at great inconvenience and expense, several of the Grand Superintendents have suggested divisions of their districts. Your Committee have unbounded confidence in the Masonic future of the great west, and believes that it will be better to await increased strength and multiplication of Chapters, which are sure to come, before making any further division, except, perhaps, to make districts coincide with provincial boundaries.

Your Committee is pleased to report that there are very few weak Chapters on the roll; in fact, only one is at present a cause of anxiety, but as good strong Companions have prayed that the light of this Chapter be not

extinguished until another effort is made to restore its lustre, your Committee do not think that any action should be taken at present.

The work is reported to be accurately and intelligently performed in all the degrees. Particularly is the Royal Arch degree said to be well rendered. Your Committee congratulates Grand Chapter on the continued high standard of the esoteric work which prevails throughout the whole Grand jurisdiction. Principals, with very few exceptions, are reported fully qualified to work degrees, and otherwise well equipped.

Harmony prevails in every Chapter except one, and there the difference is a mere ripple on the surface, which the Grand Superintendent of the district reports will soon disappear.

The secretarial work of the Chapters deserves commendation. All Superintendents speak in the highest terms of the accurate and intelligent work of the Scribes, and your Committee itself bears testimony to the prompt manner in which many of the statistical returns have been forwarded this year, in response, no doubt, to the request of this Committee expressed in its report last year.

The financial standing of the Chapters is reported satisfactory and strong, and the treasurers to be honest, capable officials. Your Committee notes with pleasure a turn in the tide so far as arrearages of dues are concerned. Chapters have in many instances taken the delinquents in hand and cut them off from present association. This, it appears to your Committee, is the wise course, although it temporarily reduces the numerical strength of a Chapter, for the possession of members on the roll who do not contribute nor take an active interest in the work is an injury to the Craft. Such men are bad limbs, which should be lopped off the Masonic tree.

The increased fee provided for by the Constitution required the revision of a number of by-laws, and your Committee is pleased to state that Grand Superintend-



ents report the necessary changes being made and approved, and a loyalty to the Constitution with respect to the increased fee.

The question of the wearing of proper Royal Arch clothing is again raised by one Superintendent. The Z. of a Chapter should, in the opinion of your Committee, after a reasonable time has elapsed, insist upon Companions procuring and wearing the proper clothing on pain of exclusion from meetings, as certainly mixed clothing spoils that uniformity of appearance which should prevail in the Royal Arch Chapter.

The benevolence of Grand Chapter continues to be as generous as circumstances call for. The opinion of your Committee has always been that we cannot be too liberal in cases of established hardship, and is satisfied that this is the spirit actuating all its members and given effect to in the distribution of its benevolence. Grand Chapter has expended on benevolence during the past year \$2,000, and the private Chapters about \$1,900, making a total of \$3,900.

The hospitality of the Chapters is again praised by Grand Superintendents. The social hour has a great charm, and the mingling of friends and Companions, when the cares of business are all thrown off and kindness and good-fellowship only prevail, make a most pleasant and fitting wind-up to an evening's business.

Your Committee again regrets the failure of Grand Superintendents to hold Chapters of Instruction. The Committee is quite well aware that there are some districts in which the holding of these Chapters would be difficult and perhaps unsuccessful, but such districts are only few in number. In the great majority of cases they could be held with benefit to the Craft and pleasure to all in attendance. In the London district during the past year, the energetic Superintendent held a Chapter of Instruction at the city of London, to which the Grand H., the Grand J., and the Chairman of your Committee were invited, and duly attended. Nothing could have stirred up more interest in Royal Arch circles in that great district than did this meeting, at which over 200 were present, to



their great benefit and enjoyment. In the Ottawa district the annual re-union of Carleton Chapter, which acts as a Chapter of Instruction, was held. Two Chapters of Instruction were also held in Toronto district. Outside of these three districts nothing was attempted. This neglect would be more easy to understand were it not that some Grand Superintendents express the opinion that the next Superintendent should hold a Chapter of Instruction. This disposition to unload responsibility on the next man is not to be commended.

In conclusion, your Committee congratulates Grand Chapter on our continuous growth, strong financial position and boundless possibilities. In five years we have gained in numbers 5,000, and have now on our roll over 13,000 Royal Arch Masons. We have a large amount of invested funds, which by careful management are ever increasing. We have the whole of Canada west of the Ottawa River, an area of 2,500,000 square miles, under our jurisdiction, from which to draw material. Under such conditions it must follow that we shall go on in power and usefulness, and never again fall into any slough of despond.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,  
*Chairman.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of Grand Chapter:*

The Executive Committee, through its Sub-committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report as follows in the matters laid before it:

1. In the case of Rossland Chapter, No. 122, vs. Comp. Dan. Bruhn, who was found guilty by the said

Chapter of fraud and conspiracy, and recommended to Grand Chapter for expulsion.

The said Comp. Dan. Bruhn, having been notified by Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation to appear at this Convocation to show cause why he should not be expelled from Capitular Masonry for the said offence, and having made default, your Committee recommends that he be expelled from Capitular Masonry.

2. Klondike Chapter, No. 154, vs. Comp. Charles Macdonald.

Comp. Chas. Macdonald was tried by the said Chapter on the 26th March, 1908, for un-Masonic conduct and found guilty and suspended for an indefinite period. He was also tried by a commission appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master of British Columbia on charges preferred by Yukon Lodge, No. 45, G.R.B.C., who reported to the said Grand Lodge, and under date of 26th July, 1908, the M. W. the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge notified our Grand Scribe E. that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia had passed sentence of indefinite suspension upon the said Charles Macdonald.

The proceedings of the subordinate Chapter, Klondike, No. 154, being apparently regular, and Comp. Charles Macdonald having appealed to Grand Chapter, he was, by notice dated 10th November, 1908, summoned to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter on the 26th day of January, 1909, to show cause why the sentence of indefinite suspension should not be confirmed, and he duly appeared before your Committee.

Section 20 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter reads as follows: "When any Grand Lodge suspends or expels a brother who is a Royal Arch Mason for un-Masonic conduct, such action shall also suspend or expel him from his Royal Arch privileges, while the Craft discipline continues in force."

Under this section the suspension of Comp. Charles Macdonald was in force from the date of his suspension by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Your Committee, having heard what Comp. Macdonald had to allege in his own behalf, and having read the evidence and documents forwarded by the said Klondike Chapter and the M. W. the Grand Master of British Columbia, recommends that the sentence of indefinite suspension imposed on the said Comp. Charles Macdonald by Klondike Chapter, No. 154, be confirmed.

Dated at Toronto, this 27th day of January, 1909.

D. F. MACWATT,  
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. W. Bruce, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

#### GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

Your Committee beg to report that they have read with pleasure and with profit the address presented to Grand Chapter by the M. E. the Grand Z. His congratulations to Grand Chapter on its success during the past year will be received by the Companions of the jurisdiction with pleasure. There can be no doubt that under the care of its executive officers the position of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction will compare most favorably with the work in any other of the sister jurisdictions of the world.

Your Committee agree that the M. E. the Grand Z. in his reference to the Companions of Grand Chapter who for so many years were within our fold, but who have now answered the last call, have left behind them pleasant memories of the days when we communed with them as they assembled with us in our Annual Convocations.

Your Committee feel that the M. E. the Grand Z. has made an excellent selection in the Companions he has appointed to the positions of representatives near foreign jurisdictions of this Grand Chapter. There is no doubt

that the brethren he has named in his recommendation are worthy of the honor that has been conferred upon them.

Your Committee desires to impress upon Companions so appointed the requirements of the constitution, which provide that unless the representatives of foreign Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction attend once in every three years their credentials are recommended to be withdrawn. An examination of the credentials register of Grand Chapter during the past eleven years shows that out of fifty-four jurisdictions represented in our Grand Chapter, thirteen of the Companions so accredited have failed to comply with the regulation, by not attending during the past three years. Some have not attended in ten years, and all of these Companions reside in the province of Ontario.

Your Committee are glad to know that the work of the Royal Craft has been materially advanced by the addition of six new Chapters, and it is to be hoped that the new Chapter in Ancaster will be a worthy addition to the roll, for in its immediate district Masonry flourished away back in the early days of the last century. The issue of dispensations to Chapters in Saskatchewan and other western provinces is worthy of note, for it is evident that the seed sown in the Craft work is now bearing fruit, and the introduction of Capitular Masonry into that part of the northwest will add interest to the work and create an ambition in those who have passed the degrees of Symbolic Masonry to seek the further and brighter light afforded by the Holy Royal Arch.

It is satisfactory to your Committee to know that the volume of proceedings on the occasion of our fiftieth Annual Convocation has had such a favorable welcome, not only from members of Grand Chapter, but from foreign jurisdictions with whom we have intercourse.

It is satisfactory to find that the M. E. the Grand Z. was able to visit the Chapters of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, as well as those of Manitoba and some of those in Ontario. There can be no doubt that the presence of the presiding officer in the Chapters of

the jurisdiction must be of material advantage. While the visits of Grand Superintendents are always appreciated, there can be no doubt about it that the presence of the presiding officer of Grand Chapter enlivens and encourages the work in every Chapter visited.

It is to be regretted that in British Columbia there is still one Chapter without our fold—a Chapter holding its warrant from a foreign jurisdiction. It is gratifying to know that our relations with our brethren who are not on our register are friendly and fraternal, yet at the same time it is to be hoped that some day, not yet, but soon, we may be able to add this Chapter to the roll of those on our register in British Columbia.

It is a satisfaction to know that in the three western provinces all Chapters have suitable paraphernalia and apartments. Without proper equipment it is impossible to work the degrees authorized by Grand Chapter, and it is to be hoped that the example of our western Companions in providing equipment will be followed by many Chapters—some in the east—that to-day are not equipped as they should be for efficient work.

The M. E. the Grand Z. informs us that a few days ago he dedicated the "Travelling Triangle," the emblem that has been sent on its world-round tour by the St. Patrick Chapter of Toronto, and that its first halting place was Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, U.S., and that there, with the good wishes of our Grand Z. and the membership assembled, this mark of good-will of the Companions of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction started on its message over the continent.

Your Committee are pleased to observe that the M. E. the Grand Z. has been careful in the granting of dispensations, and agrees with him that the greatest care should be taken in their issue and that the First Principal's signature should be appended to the application in addition to that of the Scribe E.

Your Committee think that it will be well to follow out the recommendation made by the M. E. the Grand Z. with regard to section 46 of the Constitution, as it is not in harmony with section 118.

Regarding the wearing of the regalia of the Royal Arch at the funeral of deceased Companions, your Committee absolutely agree with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his opinion that Royal Arch clothing is out of place at such ceremonies. The Masonic funeral is clearly a function of the Craft lodge, and the rule of confining regalia worn at funerals to the Craft alone should be the regulation of this Grand Chapter. Your Committee point out that decided views on this question as against the wearing of R. A. regalia have been expressed by the highest authorities in the Craft. The opinion prevails, not only on this side of the Atlantic, but in the old land, that the Craft regalia, and Craft regalia alone, should be used on such occasions.

Your Committee agree with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his opinion that a good move was made when the minimum fee was increased from \$10 to \$20, the fee that was in vogue many years ago. The increased membership of the Chapters is the best evidence that the increase of the fee was justifiable, and that no mistake whatever was made in so doing.

Your Committee highly approve of the ruling of the Grand Z. that the giving of Chapter regalia to candidates, which regalia is included in the fee of \$20, is directly opposed to the regulation of Grand Chapter making the fee \$20, for it is in reality reducing the fee by the value of the regalia.

Your Committee commend the M. E. the Grand Z. for his ruling in connection with the status of the Second and Third Principals, who have not passed to the First Principal's chair and so served their full terms. Such Companions have no privilege to claim the prefix "Excellent" for the title "Excellent" only applies to the three Principals in office, and to those who have passed the First Principal's chair. The Second and Third Principals who fail to attain the rank must abandon the distinction of a Principal and return to the position of an ordinary Companion.

Your Committee are pleased to note that after many years the position of Grand Lecturer has been used by



at least one Chapter in the jurisdiction. It is to be regretted that advantage has not been taken of the services of the Grand Lecturer by scores of Chapters who are undoubtedly in need of instruction in the degree work of Grand Chapter. It is true that the engagement by a Chapter of the services of the Grand Lecturer involves a small expenditure—an expenditure simply covering his travelling and hotel expenses, but even in the large cities, where the expense of having that officer present for instruction is merely nominal, advantage has not been taken of the opportunity, which would be of great value to them. There is no better-informed Companion in the jurisdiction than R. E. Comp. Nixon. His work in the Craft for the past forty years has been most valuable, and with such an expert in the ritualistic work of Capitular Masonry, the work of our degrees should be as nearly perfect as it is possible to make it.

Your Committee have carefully considered the M. E. the Grand Z.'s recommendation that R. E. Comp. Harry H. Watson of Vancouver should have the rank of a Past Grand First Principal. Your Committee feel that Grand Chapter should be most watchful in the giving of past rank and that it should only be given in the most exceptional circumstances. We have not given Past Grand rank to many of those who have served the interests of Capitular Masonry, but in the case of R. E. Comp. Watson there seems to be a special reason why he should be so honored.

Your Committee are personally aware of the great interest he has taken in the work of the Royal Craft in British Columbia, and are fully aware of the difficulties that have beset the Royal Arch in that distant province, and feel that for the close, continuous and active work that Comp. Watson has given to Grand Chapter in the British Columbia section of this jurisdiction, the honor of being placed on the right hand of the M. E. the Grand Z. as a Past Grand Principal should be accorded him by Grand Chapter.

Your Committee agree with the recommendation of the M. E. Grand Z. that a visit to the Chapters in the western part of this jurisdiction west of and including

Sault Ste. Marie by the R. E. the Grand Scribe E. would be of advantage to this Grand Chapter. It goes without saying that a large amount of the success we have had and the progress we have made during the past ten years is due in a great measure to the executive ability—ability of no ordinary character—possessed by the Grand Scribe E. He is a well-informed Companion in connection with not only Craft but Capitular work, and many direct advantages would accrue to the Chapters in the west by the presence of the R. E. Companion.

Your Committee, in closing this report, desire to testify to the untiring efforts of the M. E. the Grand Z. during the terms that he has had care of the Capitular work in this jurisdiction. He passes out of office with the good-will not only of the Grand Chapter, but of every Companion, and your Committee trust that he may be long spared to be with us, and to advise us in our work, for he has always had an eye to the single purpose of upholding the dignity and bettering the condition of the 13,000 Companions who form the great circle of the Royal Arch.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

*Chairman.*

It was moved by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's address be received and adopted.

#### BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

*Resolved*,—That M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

|                                               |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson retires in..... | 1910 |
| R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon retires in.....       | 1911 |
| M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding retires in.....     | 1912 |

## DATE OF ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, and

*Resolved*,—That Sec. 6 of the Constitution be amended by erasing the word "January" in the second line thereof and substituting the word "February."

## NOTICE IN CASES OF EXPULSION.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

*Resolved*,—That the Constitution be amended as follows: Insert between Secs. 82 and 83 a new section to be numbered 83a.

83a. When a subordinate Chapter recommends to Grand Chapter that a Companion be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. at least ten days before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be laid before the Executive Committee, which shall report thereon to Grand Chapter. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Chapter, the Companion shall be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Executive Committee, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Chapter such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such recommendation and papers reach the Grand Scribe E. in sufficient time to admit of the service upon the convicted Companion, the Grand Scribe E. shall serve a ten days' notice upon him at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter why he should not be expelled for his offence.

## DIVISION OF DISTRICT

In the absence of V. E. Comp. C. H. Dee, it was moved by V. E. Comp. E. N. Brown, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, and

*Resolved*,—That the present district of Alberta be divided, the province of that name retaining its old title and number, that the province of Saskatchewan be a distinct district to be known as Saskatchewan District, No. 19, and that the Constitution be amended in accordance with the above.

## VOTING BY BALLOT IN GRAND CHAPTER.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, and

*Resolved*,—That Sec. 9 of the Constitution be erased and the following substituted:

9. (1) The officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

(2) The officers of Grand Chapter and the members of the Executive Committee elected as such by Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot after nomination.

(3) The place at which the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected.

(4) Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Chapter.

(5) Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, for the Executive Committee, and for the place of holding the next Annual Convocation shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grand Scribe E. before twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the meeting.

(6) No Companion's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any Companion nominated for more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any such nominations, at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

(7) The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Scribe E. and shall contain:

(a) A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

(b) A list of the elective officers.

(c) Properly defined spaces into which may be written

(1) The names of the Companions to be voted for;

(2) The place of the next Annual Convocation.

(d) The number of votes cast with each ballot.

(8) The M. E. the Grand Z. shall, before calling off Grand Chapter at the end of its first session, appoint and announce the names of a sufficient number of scrutineers, not being Grand Chapter officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the scrutineers to be chairman, whose duty it shall be to supervise the scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding officer of Grand Chapter. Before entering upon their duties the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

(9) The Scrutineers shall meet at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the meeting in a convenient room set apart for the purpose in or adjoining the place of meeting. They

shall act in sections of three under the direction of the Chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the name and number of the Chapter of each Companion entitled to vote, and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

(10) Each Companion voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the Companion or Companions for whom he desires to vote, and the name of the place at which he desires that the next Annual Convocation shall be held. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Executive Committee, otherwise his ballot for the Committee shall be void. After exposing to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes and furnishing such other information as they may require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

(11) No Companion shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right nor more than one ballot paper for the Chapter legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Masonic offence for which the Companion charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the M. E. the Grand Z. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Grand Z. to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time, or to be suspended indefinitely.

(12) The M. E. the Grand Z. shall declare the first ballot closed at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day and the vote shall be counted forthwith and announced.

(13) The five Companions nominated for the Executive Committee obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

(14) A candidate for office other than for membership on the Executive Committee must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

(15) If upon the first ballot some of the Companions nominated for any office, other than membership on the Executive Committee, do not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained. Provided, however, if three or more Companions are nominated for an elective office, other than the Executive Committee, and there is no election, the Companion receiving the lowest number of votes shall retire.

(16) All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the Chairman of the Scrutineers with the Grand Scribe E., who shall retain them for three months and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Z., destroy them by fire.

(17) The Grand Janitor shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Chapter.

(18) The Credentials Committee shall report to Grand Chapter at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the Convocation.



Erase all words between the words "Officers" in the eleventh line and "The" in the fifteenth line, of Section 15, being the amendment made to said section at the Annual Convocation in the year 1905.

#### METHODS OF BALLOTING.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

*Resolved*,—That the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to consider several proposed methods of voting by ballot for office in Grand Chapter and to report thereon at next Annual Convocation.

#### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto, Vancouver and Niagara Falls were put in nomination for the next Annual Convocation. Toronto was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Grand Z. having appointed R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon as chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were declared as follows:

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| R. E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton.....  | Grand Z. |
| R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Toronto.. | Grand H. |
| R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia.....   | Grand J. |

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter resumed labor, when the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

|                                     |              |             |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| R. E. Comp. Thos. Scullard, Chatham | St. Clair    | Dist. No. 1 |
| " " Geo. Sutherland, Thedford       | London       | " 2         |
| " " Jas. R. Inksater, Paris         | Wilson       | " 3         |
| " " Andrew Fisher, Harriston        | Wellington   | " 4         |
| " " W. T. Marlatt, Oakville         | Hamilton     | " 5         |
| " " John Stevenson, Stratford       | Huron        | " 6         |
| " " F. J. McClelland, Niagara       | Niagara      | " 7         |
| " " Geo. B. Foster, Toronto         | Toronto      | " 8         |
| " " Alex. Cowan, Barrie             | Georgian     | " 9         |
| " " J. W. Sanders, Port Hope        | Ontario      | " 10        |
| " " W. R. Howson, Stirling          | Pr. Edward   | " 11        |
| " " A. S. Knapp, Brockville         | St. Lawrence | " 12        |
| " " A. S. Wade, M.D., Renfrew       | Ottawa       | " 13        |



|           |                 |                          |              |      |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------|
| R.E.Comp. | H. A. McKibbin, | Pt. Arthur, Algoma       | Dist. No.    | 14   |
| "         | "               | W. A. Ducker, Winnipeg   | Manitoba     | " 15 |
| "         | "               | A. A. Davis, Nanaimo     | B. Columbia  | " 16 |
| "         | "               | A. R. Duncan, Edmonton   | Alberta      | " 17 |
| "         | "               | Fred. Irvine, Nelson     | Kootenay     | " 18 |
| "         | "               | E. E. Meek, M.D., Regina | Saskatchewan | " 19 |

The election of Grand officers was then resumed, with the following results :

|             |                                   |                        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| R. E. Comp. | Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto,         | Grand Scribe E.        |
| R. E. Comp. | F. M. Cowperthwaite, Vancouver,   | Grand Scribe N.        |
| M. E. Comp. | Wm. Gibson, Beamsville,           | Grand Treasurer.       |
| R. E. Comp. | J. H. Wilson, London,             | Grand Prin. Sojourner. |
| R. E. Comp. | Robt. Magness, Winnipeg,          | Grand Registrar.       |
|             | Comp. Jas. M. Pritchard, Toronto, | Grand Janitor.         |

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

|             |                |              |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| R. E. Comp. | Aubrey White   | Toronto.     |
| R. E. Comp. | W. S. R. Murch | Kingston.    |
| R. E. Comp. | W. T. Toner    | Collingwood. |
| R. E. Comp. | Henry T. Smith | Toronto.     |
| R. E. Comp. | William Forbes | Grimsby.     |

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Grand Chapter having expressed entire approval of the report of the Executive Committee on the Grand Z's address, M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson gave notice that in accordance therewith he would move at next Annual Convocation that Section 46 of the Constitution be amended by expunging all words before "Dispensations" in the first line, and substituting therefor "All requests made to him for " and adding after the word "district" in the last line "must be submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z. through the Grand Scribe E."

He also gave notice that, in the same connection, he would move the elimination of all words after the word "Principal" in the third line of Section 118 and the words "except a funeral" in the second line of Section 119, and to add after the word "matter" in the last line "The wearing of Royal Arch clothing at Masonic funerals is not permitted."

### OFFICERS INSTALLED.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by M. E. Comp. J. Leslie, then proceeded with the installation and investi-

ture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters for their kindly attention and fraternal reception to the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand body.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. LESLIE.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, seconded by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, and

*Resolved*,—That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. John Leslie, Past G. Z., in token of Grand Chapter's appreciation of the zealous work done by him during the last two years.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The following appointments by the M. E. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| R. E. Comp. Oliver Ellwood.....      | London.         |
| R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, M.D..... | Carleton Place. |
| R. E. Comp. Robt. J. Craig.....      | Cobourg.        |
| R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer.....       | Trenton.        |
| E. Comp. A. T. Freed.....            | Hamilton.       |

#### ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

|                                      |       |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| V. E. Comp. Sydney B. Sykes, Toronto | Grand | Senior Sojourner |
| " " A. G. Bain, Hamilton             | "     | Junior Sojourner |
| R. E. " J. B. Nixon, Toronto         | "     | Lecturer         |
| V. E. " C. Christiansen, Amh'stb'g   | "     | Sword Bearer     |
| " " P. S. Minshall, St. Thomas       | "     | Master 1st Veil  |
| " " F. H. Spence, Berlin             | "     | Master 2nd Veil  |
| " " A. J. McKinnon, Acton            | "     | Master 3rd Veil  |
| " " George Hill, Calgary, Alta.      | "     | Master 4th Veil  |
| " " V. M. Hare, Uxbridge             | "     | Standard Bearer  |
| " " R. W. Smart, Port Hope           | "     | D. of Ceremonies |
| " " D. G. Alexander, Nanaimo, B.C.   | "     | Organist         |

|             |                                        |                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| V. E. Comp. | F. H. Anderson, Toronto                | Grand Pursuivant |
| "           | " D. R. MacFarlane, Dawson,<br>Y.T.    | " Steward        |
| "           | " W. J. Bruce, Kincardine              | " Steward        |
| "           | " And. Williamson, Madoc               | " Steward        |
| "           | " George Will, Prince Albert,<br>Sask. | " Steward        |
| "           | " R. M. Armstrong, Ottawa              | " Steward        |
| "           | " R. Dorsett, Sudbury                  | " Steward        |
| "           | " Robt. Hughes, Collingwood            | " Steward        |
| "           | " Chas. T. Hay, Brantford              | " Steward        |
| "           | " Wm. McCracken, Port Col-<br>borne    | " Steward        |
| "           | " R. W. Watchorn, N. Au-<br>gusta      | " Steward        |

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5.30 p.m.



*Geo. J. Bennett*

Grand Scribe E.

TORONTO, January 27th, 1909.

## CHAPTER RETURNS

| No. | Name of Chapter.                      | Where Held.           | Regular Convocation.      |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1   | Anet, Frontenac and<br>Cataraqui..... | Kingston.....         | Third Friday...*          |
| 2   | The Hiram.....                        | Hamilton.....         | Fourth Friday.....        |
| 3   | St. John's.....                       | London.....           | Fourth Wednesday...       |
| 4   | St. And. and St. John's..             | Toronto.....          | Third Friday.....         |
| 5   | St. George's.....                     | London.....           | Fourth Tuesday.....       |
| 6   | St. John's.....                       | Hamilton.....         | Second Thursday.....      |
| 7   | The Moira.....                        | Belleville.....       | First Tuesday.....        |
| 8   | King Solomon's.....                   | Toronto.....          | Fourth Tuesday.....       |
| 15  | Wawanosh.....                         | Sarnia.....           | Second Friday.....        |
| 16  | Carleton.....                         | Ottawa.....           | Third Friday.....         |
| 18  | Oxford.....                           | Woodstock.....        | Third Friday.....         |
| 19  | Mount Moriah.....                     | St. Catharines.....   | Friday on or b. f. m....  |
| 20  | Mount Horeb.....                      | Brantford.....        | First Friday.....         |
| 22  | Grenville.....                        | Prescott.....         | Second Tuesday.....       |
| 23  | Ezra.....                             | Simcoe.....           | Thursday af. f. m.....    |
| 24  | Tecumseh.....                         | Stratford.....        | Third Monday.....         |
| 26  | St. Mark's.....                       | Trenton.....          | Tuesday on or af. f. m..  |
| 27  | Manitou.....                          | Collingwood.....      | Friday on or b. f. m....  |
| 28  | Pentalpha.....                        | Oshawa.....           | Second Friday.....        |
| 29  | McCallum.....                         | Dunnville.....        | Third Friday.....         |
| 30  | Huron.....                            | Goderich.....         | Third Tuesday.....        |
| 31  | Prince Edward.....                    | Pictou.....           | Monday on or af. f. m..   |
| 32  | Waterloo.....                         | Galt.....             | Second Monday.....        |
| 34  | Signet.....                           | Barrie.....           | Second Tuesday.....       |
| 35  | Keystone.....                         | Whitby.....           | Third Friday.....         |
| 36  | Corinthian.....                       | Peterborough.....     | Fourth Friday.....        |
| 37  | Victoria.....                         | Port Hope.....        | Second Friday.....        |
| 40  | Guelph.....                           | Guelph.....           | Second Friday.....        |
| 41  | Harris.....                           | Ingersoll.....        | Second Friday.....        |
| 44  | Mount Sinai.....                      | Napanee.....          | Wednesday af. f. m....    |
| 45  | Excelsior.....                        | Colborne.....         | First Tuesday.....        |
| 46  | St. James.....                        | St. Mary's.....       | Second Monday.....        |
| 47  | Wellington.....                       | Chatham.....          | Second Thursday.....      |
| 48  | St. John's.....                       | Cobourg.....          | Friday on or b. f. m....  |
| 50  | Saugeen.....                          | Walkerton.....        | Third Tuesday.....        |
| 52  | Prince Rupert.....                    | Winnipeg.....         | First Thursday.....       |
| 53  | Bruce.....                            | Petrolia.....         | Third Wednesday.....      |
| 54  | Palestine.....                        | St. Thomas.....       | Second Thursday.....      |
| 55  | Niagara.....                          | Niagara.....          | Thursday af. f. m.....    |
| 56  | Georgian.....                         | Owen Sound.....       | Third Tuesday.....        |
| 57  | King Hiram.....                       | Port Colborne.....    | First Thursday.....       |
| 58  | Pembroke.....                         | Mattawa.....          | Third Tuesday.....        |
| 59  | Sussex.....                           | Brockville.....       | Third Friday.....         |
| 60  | Doric.....                            | Newmarket.....        | First Wednesday.....      |
| 61  | Granite.....                          | Almonte.....          | Second Tuesday.....       |
| 62  | York.....                             | Eglinton.....         | First Thursday.....       |
| 63  | Havelock.....                         | Kincardine.....       | Third Friday.....         |
| 64  | Willson.....                          | Welland.....          | Last Wednesday.....       |
| 65  | St. Paul's.....                       | Toronto.....          | Second Wednesday.....     |
| 66  | The Malloch.....                      | Seaforth.....         | Third Monday.....         |
| 67  | Enterprise.....                       | Harriston.....        | First Monday.....         |
| 68  | Maitland.....                         | North Augusta.....    | Friday af. f. m.....      |
| 69  | Grimsby.....                          | Grimsby.....          | First Monday.....         |
| 70  | Grand River.....                      | Bracebridge.....      | Third Thursday.....       |
| 71  | Prince of Wales.....                  | Amherstburg.....      | First Friday.....         |
| 72  | Keystone.....                         | Stirling.....         | Thursday b. f. m.....     |
| 73  | Erie.....                             | Ridgetown.....        | Monday on or af. f. m..   |
| 74  | Beaver.....                           | Strathroy.....        | Second Tuesday.....       |
| 75  | St. Clair.....                        | Milton.....           | Thursday af. f. m.....    |
| 76  | Mount Nebo.....                       | Niagara Falls, C..... | Friday on or b. f. m....  |
| 77  | Occident.....                         | Toronto.....          | Second Friday.....        |
| 78  | Minnewawa.....                        | Parkhill.....         | Friday on or af. f. m.... |
| 79  | Orient.....                           | Toronto.....          | Fourth Thursday.....      |
| 80  | Ark.....                              | Windsor.....          | Second Monday.....        |
| 81  | Aylmer.....                           | Aylmer.....           | Friday on or af. f. m.... |

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| 1           | H. D. Bibby .....    | D. J. Evans.....     | 5           | 2         |               |              |              | 2       | 88       | 5         |           |
| 2           | Frank Hills.....     | G. H. Lanigan....    | 19          | 2         |               | 3            | 13           | 3       | 285      | 2         |           |
| 3           | Richard Oke.....     | Oliver Ellwood....   | 33          |           | 1             |              |              |         | 303      | 33        |           |
| 4           | W. S. Jackson.....   | S. Singer, M.D.....  | 9           |           |               |              |              | 2       | 151      | 6         |           |
| 5           | Fred Palmer.....     | Wm. Spittal.....     | 25          | 2         |               | 1            | 4            |         | 180      | 22        |           |
| 6           | Geo. Britton.....    | W. J. McAllister.... | 23          | 6         | 1             |              | 6            | 5       | 272      | 18        |           |
| 7           | Walter Alford.....   | Wm. McKeown.....     | 13          | 1         |               | 2            |              | 1       | 144      | 11        |           |
| 8           | A. H. Lougheed....   | Alex. S. Elliott.... | 14          |           | 1             | 2            | 5            | 1       | 164      | 7         |           |
| 15          | O. S. Clark.....     | Alex. K. Wanless.... | 12          |           |               | 4            |              | 1       | 234      | 7         |           |
| 16          | R. S. Simpson.....   | John B. Wright....   | 23          | 5         |               |              |              | 1       | 164      | 27        |           |
| 18          | W. J. Hodges.....    | H. A. Biggins.....   | 5           |           |               | 1            | 5            |         | 62       |           | 1         |
| 19          | E. F. Dwyer.....     | A. N. Lindsay.....   | 11          |           |               |              |              | 2       | 129      | 9         |           |
| 20          | H. D. Clapsattle.... | Thomas Kerr.....     | 24          | 3         |               |              | 1            | 1       | 163      | 25        |           |
| 22          | Arthur T. Adams....  | J. F. Graham.....    | 2           |           |               | 1            | 2            | 1       | 66       |           | 2         |
| 23          | H. Hoffmann.....     | R. E. Gunton.....    | 7           |           |               | 2            | 4            | 1       | 139      |           |           |
| 24          | R. J. Stevenson....  | Jno. Stevenson....   | 18          |           |               | 8            | 5            | 6       | 148      |           | 1         |
| 26          | B. H. Siddall.....   | R. H. Spencer.....   | 2           |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 98       |           |           |
| 27          | J. F. Zimmermann..   | Herbert Albery....   | 12          | 1         |               |              |              |         | 113      | 13        |           |
| 28          | A. B. Ford.....      | L. K. Murton.....    | 4           |           |               | 3            |              | 1       | 83       |           |           |
| 29          | Samuel Amsden....    | J. R. Robb.....      | 3           |           |               |              |              |         | 58       | 3         |           |
| 30          | W. F. Gallow.....    | J. H. Tigert.....    | 3           |           |               | 1            |              |         | 84       | 2         |           |
| 31          | W. G. McClellan....  | J. L. Graydon....    | 7           | 1         |               |              |              | 4       | 177      | 4         |           |
| 32          | Finlay Smith.....    | Chas. Blake.....     | 2           |           |               | 1            |              |         | 98       | 1         |           |
| 34          | Fred W. Otton.....   | W. J. Hallett.....   | 14          |           |               | 1            | 10           | 2       | 223      |           | 5         |
| 35          | Rev. F. C. Harper..  | Jas. Johnstone....   | 3           | 2         |               |              | 5            | 4       | 74       |           | 5         |
| 36          | W. R. G. Higgins..   | W. H. Walkey.....    | 6           | 2         |               | 1            |              | 1       | 110      | 6         |           |
| 37          | F. H. Brown.....     | J. W. Sanders.....   | 8           |           |               | 4            |              | 2       | 114      | 2         |           |
| 40          | W. A. Rapp.....      | Chas. M. Gair.....   | 1           |           |               | 2            | 6            |         | 75       |           | 7         |
| 41          | Jno. L. Revell.....  | J. F. Williams.....  | 6           |           | 1             | 3            |              |         | 65       | 4         |           |
| 44          | Alfred Alexander..   | E. J. Walters.....   | 15          |           |               | 2            |              | 1       | 78       | 12        |           |
| 45          | W. G. Robertson..    | H. J. Mayhew.....    | 5           |           | 1             | 5            | 1            | 2       | 75       |           | 2         |
| 46          | H. A. L. White.....  | W. D. Spence.....    | 2           |           |               |              |              |         | 42       | 2         |           |
| 47          | D. E. Russell.....   | J. W. Plewes.....    | 19          |           |               | 5            |              | 1       | 142      | 13        |           |
| 48          | A. J. Gould.....     | Robt. Buck.....      | 4           |           |               | 1            | 4            | 1       | 48       |           | 2         |
| 50          | John Warren.....     | H. B. Currie.....    | 3           |           |               | 2            |              | 2       | 28       |           | 1         |
| 52          | F. G. Rumble.....    | Jas. M. Horn.....    | 19          | 3         | 3             | 7            |              | 6       | 315      | 12        |           |
| 53          | F. W. Mulligan....   | Richard Bryant....   | 4           |           |               |              |              | 3       | 100      | 1         |           |
| 54          | John Henning.....    | W. E. Idsardi.....   | 6           |           |               | 2            | 2            |         | 203      |           |           |
| 55          | J. De W. Randall..   | Richard Briggs....   | 3           |           |               |              |              | 1       | 39       | 2         |           |
| 56          | E. E. Miller.....    | Roland Patterson..   | 15          | 2         |               | 4            | 6            | 1       | 121      | 6         |           |
| 57          | Wm. McCracken....    | Thos. J. O'Neill.... | 2           |           |               |              |              | 1       | 29       | 1         |           |
| 58          | C. W. Haentschell..  | W. G. Dinwoodie..    |             |           |               | 1            |              | 2       | 38       |           | 3         |
| 59          | Omer Truesdell....   | Geo. K. Dewey....    | 11          | 1         | 2             | 2            |              | 1       | 124      | 11        |           |
| 60          | E. A. Coombs.....    | J. E. Hughes.....    | 2           |           |               |              |              | 1       | 86       | 1         |           |
| 61          | J. T. Kirkland....   | M. H. Steele.....    | 6           |           |               | 3            |              | 1       | 61       | 2         |           |
| 62          | F. W. Goulding....   | R. A. Lennox.....    | 10          |           |               | 4            | 8            | 1       | 79       |           | 3         |
| 63          | M. J. Macpherson..   | J. A. MacKenzie....  | 1           |           |               |              | 4            | 1       | 64       |           | 4         |
| 64          | J. E. Cohoe.....     | Geo. Wells.....      | 2           | 2         |               |              |              | 1       | 90       | 3         |           |
| 65          | Lewis F. Riggs....   | Robt. J. Reade....   | 10          | 1         |               |              |              |         | 179      | 11        |           |
| 66          | Geo. L. Chesney....  | R. S. Hays.....      | 2           |           |               | 2            |              |         | 59       |           |           |
| 67          | W. D. McLellan....   | R. J. Martin.....    | 2           |           |               |              | 2            | 1       | 125      |           | 1         |
| 68          | R. E. Griggs.....    | J. B. Love.....      | 1           |           | 1             |              |              |         | 30       | 2         |           |
| 69          | W. F. Randall.....   | P. Falconbridge....  | 10          |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 84       | 8         |           |
| 70          | Henry Bird, Jr....   | F. P. Warne.....     | 2           |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 75       |           |           |
| 71          | Edw. A. Patton....   | Colin Wigle.....     | 7           |           |               |              |              |         | 93       | 7         |           |
| 72          | John Shaw.....       | H. H. Alger, M.D..   | 7           | 1         |               | 3            |              |         | 60       | 5         |           |
| 73          | J. G. Little.....    | A. Long.....         |             |           |               | 8            | 1            |         | 51       |           | 9         |
| 74          | M. F. Forsyth.....   | J. H. Argue.....     | 12          | 1         |               |              |              | 1       | 71       | 12        |           |
| 75          | S. R. Bews.....      | Wm. Pantou.....      | 3           | 1         |               | 2            |              |         | 48       | 2         |           |
| 76          | Jno. J. Harriman..   | Richd. Sloggett....  | 7           |           | 1             | 2            | 1            |         | 161      | 5         |           |
| 77          | Robert Falconer....  | Geo. K. Clemens....  | 42          | 4         |               | 5            | 8            | 3       | 315      | 30        |           |
| 78          | Geo. A. Fraser.....  | Wm. Dawson.....      | 10          |           |               |              |              |         | 82       | 10        |           |
| 79          | Jno. Jolly.....      | F. H. Anderson....   | 9           |           | 1             | 2            |              | 1       | 123      | 7         |           |
| 80          | W. B. Haggart.....   | A. E. Edgar.....     | 17          | 1         | 1             | 1            | 4            | 2       | 163      | 12        |           |
| 81          | E. A. Richards....   | J. E. Richards....   | 10          |           |               |              |              | 2       | 86       | 8         |           |



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| No.  | Name of Chapter.     | Where Held.             | Regular Convocation          |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 82   | Shuniah.....         | Port Arthur.....        | Third Wednesday.....         |
| 83   | Ionic.....           | Orangeville.....        | Tuesday af. f. m.....        |
| 84   | Lebanon.....         | Wingham.....            | Third Tuesday.....           |
| 86   | Macpherson.....      | Meaford.....            | Second Thursday.....         |
| 88   | MacNabb.....         | Dresden.....            | First Thursday.....          |
| 90   | Golden.....          | Kenora.....             | Third Friday.....            |
| 91   | Antiquity.....       | Toronto.....            | Third Monday.....            |
| 94   | Midland.....         | Lindsay.....            | Third Thursday.....          |
| 95   | Tuscan.....          | Sudbury.....            | Second Tuesday.....          |
| 98   | Vancouver.....       | Vancouver.....          | Second Wednesday.....        |
| 99   | Keystone.....        | Portage la Prairie..... | First Friday.....            |
| 100  | St. Lawrence.....    | Brockville.....         | First Thursday.....          |
| 101  | Corinthian.....      | Boissevain.....         | Second Wednesday.....        |
| 102  | Algonquin.....       | Sault Ste. Marie.....   | Fourth Friday.....           |
| 103  | St. John's.....      | North Bay.....          | First Friday.....            |
| 104  | White Oak.....       | Oakville.....           | Second Tuesday af. f. m..... |
| 106  | Alberta.....         | Calgary.....            | First Tuesday.....           |
| 110  | Warkworth.....       | Warkworth.....          | Wednesday af. f. m.....      |
| 112  | St. John's.....      | Morrisburg.....         | Friday on or af. f. m.....   |
| 113  | Covenant.....        | Cornwall.....           | Third Wednesday.....         |
| 114  | Bonnechere.....      | Renfrew.....            | Third Monday.....            |
| 115  | Brant.....           | Paris.....              | Monday on or b. f. m.....    |
| 116  | Maple.....           | Carleton Place.....     | First Monday.....            |
| 117  | Berlin.....          | Berlin.....             | Third Friday.....            |
| 118  | North Star.....      | Edmonton.....           | Second Tuesday.....          |
| 119  | King Cyrus.....      | Leamington.....         | Tuesday af. f. m.....        |
| 120  | Kootenay.....        | Kaslo.....              | Second Tuesday.....          |
| 121  | Wascana.....         | Regina.....             | Second Monday.....           |
| 122  | Rossland.....        | Rossland.....           | First Tuesday.....           |
| 123  | Nelson.....          | Nelson.....             | Third Wednesday.....         |
| 124  | Westminster.....     | New Westminster.....    | Fourth Thursday.....         |
| 125  | Rocky Mountain.....  | Cranbrook.....          | Second Tuesday.....          |
| 126  | Assiniboia.....      | Medicine Hat.....       | Third Thursday.....          |
| 127  | Keystone.....        | Nanaimo.....            | Third Wednesday.....         |
| 128  | Revelstoke.....      | Revelstoke.....         | First Monday.....            |
| 129  | Elliot.....          | Mitchell.....           | Second Tuesday af. f. m..... |
| 130  | Chantry.....         | Southampton.....        | Tuesday b. f. m.....         |
| 131  | Amabel.....          | Warton.....             | First Thursday.....          |
| 132  | Leeds.....           | Gananoque.....          | Wednesday af. f. m.....      |
| 133  | St. Francis.....     | Smith's Falls.....      | Second Friday af. f. m.....  |
| 134  | King Darius.....     | Cannington.....         | Wednesday af. f. m.....      |
| 135  | Succoth.....         | Uxbridge.....           | Monday af. f. m.....         |
| 136  | King Edward.....     | Neepawa.....            | Second Wed. af. f. m.....    |
| *137 | Crow's Nest.....     | Fernie.....             | Third Friday.....            |
| 138  | Shekinah.....        | West Toronto.....       | Second Tuesday.....          |
| 139  | St. Andrew's.....    | Havelock.....           | Friday af. f. m.....         |
| 140  | Fort William.....    | Fort William.....       | First Friday.....            |
| 141  | Keystone.....        | Brandon.....            | First Monday.....            |
| 142  | Cyrus.....           | Cumberland.....         | First Wednesday.....         |
| 143  | Glengarry.....       | Maxville.....           | Fourth Tuesday.....          |
| 144  | Presqu' Isle.....    | Brighton.....           | Second Friday.....           |
| 145  | The St. Patrick..... | Toronto.....            | Third Saturday.....          |
| 146  | Bernard.....         | Listowel.....           | Friday af. f. m.....         |
| 147  | Lucknow.....         | Lucknow.....            | Thursday af. f. m.....       |
| *148 | St. John's.....      | Vankleek Hill.....      | First Tuesday.....           |
| 149  | Atwood.....          | Rainy River.....        | Third Thursday.....          |
| 150  | London.....          | London.....             | Fourth Friday.....           |
| *151 | Laurentian.....      | Pembroke.....           | Third Thursday.....          |
| *152 | Albion.....          | Fort Frances.....       | Third Thursday.....          |
| 153  | Sombra.....          | Sombra.....             | Second Wednesday.....        |
| 154  | Klondike.....        | Dawson.....             | Fourth Thursday.....         |
| 155  | Ancaster.....        | Ancaster.....           | Wednesday af. f. m.....      |
| 156  | Avondale.....        | Hartney.....            | Friday on or af. f. m.....   |
| 157  | Okanagan.....        | Vernon.....             | Thursday af. f. m.....       |
| 158  | Shekinah.....        | Lethbridge.....         | Fourth Monday.....           |
| 159  | Golden West.....     | High River.....         | Monday on or b. f. m.....    |
| 160  | Prince Albert.....   | Prince Albert.....      | First Tuesday.....           |
| 161  | Madoc.....           | Madoc.....              | Thursday af. f. m.....       |
| 162  | Moosejaw.....        | Moosejaw.....           | Third Thursday.....          |
| 163  | The Beaches.....     | Toronto.....            | First Monday.....            |
| 164  | Lorne.....           | West Lorne.....         | Friday on or b. f. m.....    |
| U.D  | Saskatoon.....       | Saskatoon.....          | Second Thursday.....         |
| U.D  | Moose Mountain.....  | Arcola.....             | Thursday af. f. m.....       |
| U.D  | Georgian.....        | Midland.....            | Friday on or af. f. m.....   |

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| 82          | Jas. W. Morgan...   | S. J. Schulte...     | 13         |           |               | 6            | 2            | 3       | 107      | 2         |           |
| 83          | Rev. A. L. Burch    | D. McPherson...      |            |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 75       |           | 2         |
| 84          | B. H. Hamilton...   | H. E. Tamlyn, M.D.   | 7          |           | 1             | 1            | 1            | 2       | 60       | 4         |           |
| 86          | Jas. Sparling...    | J. D. Hamill...      | 8          |           |               | 2            | 2            | 1       | 63       | 3         |           |
| 88          | Norman Lindsay...   | J. B. Carscallen...  | 8          |           |               | 1            |              | 2       | 74       | 5         |           |
| 90          | J. Brenchley...     | A. S. Macdonald...   | 14         |           | 1             | 7            |              |         | 90       | 8         |           |
| 91          | P. K. Perry...      | Jas. Herriot...      | 9          |           | 1             | 7            |              | 1       | 111      | 2         |           |
| 94          | Sidney Johnston...  | Geo. S. Patrick...   | 11         | 1         |               |              | 7            | 1       | 114      | 4         |           |
| 95          | F. W. Colloton...   | Lorne Fowler...      | 2          |           |               | 2            |              |         | 76       |           |           |
| 98          | William Burns...    | F. M. C'wp'rthwaite  | 27         | 12        | 1             |              | 5            | 4       | 268      | 31        |           |
| 99          | C. W. Stewart...    | H. J. J. Smith...    | 22         |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 68       | 20        |           |
| 100         | J. W. Forbes...     | E. A. Geiger...      | 4          | 2         | 1             | 1            |              | 1       | 83       | 5         |           |
| 101         | J. T. Elliott...    | P. J. Osborn...      | 6          |           |               |              |              |         | 58       | 6         |           |
| 102         | J. B. Way...        | C. W. McCrea...      | 22         |           |               | 2            | 3            | 4       | 198      | 13        |           |
| 103         | N. J. McCubbin...   | J. N. McCallum...    | 5          | 2         |               |              |              |         | 95       | 7         |           |
| 104         | John T. Tillie...   | W. O. Joyce...       | 4          | 1         |               |              |              | 2       | 54       | 3         |           |
| 106         | George Hill...      | J. N. Rankin...      | 15         | 3         | 1             | 6            |              | 2       | 145      | 11        |           |
| 110         | A. M. Hamilton...   | P. S. Ewing...       | 10         |           |               |              |              | 1       | 64       | 9         |           |
| 112         | E. Kelly...         | B. B. Tucker...      | 7          |           |               |              | 3            | 2       | 64       | 2         |           |
| 113         | Ben'n Eastwood...   | John Ridley...       | 3          | 1         |               | 3            |              | 1       | 88       |           |           |
| 114         | Wm. J. Aston...     | Wm. Hay...           | 4          |           |               | 1            |              | 2       | 61       | 1         |           |
| 115         | R. E. Haire...      | E. B. Walker...      | 5          |           |               | 3            |              | 1       | 53       | 1         |           |
| 116         | David Smythe...     | A. H. Edwards...     | 6          |           |               | 4            |              |         | 68       | 2         |           |
| 117         | J. M. Walker...     | F. H. Spence...      |            |           |               | 2            | 1            | 1       | 73       |           | 4         |
| 118         | Wm. H. Jaeger...    | J. J. Dunlop...      | 4          | 1         |               |              |              | 1       | 77       | 4         |           |
| 119         | Geo. A. Campbell... | R. A. Howey...       | 1          |           |               |              |              | 1       | 78       |           |           |
| 120         | Henry Geigerich...  | Jas. Anderson...     | 4          |           |               |              | 3            | 2       | 36       |           | 1         |
| 121         | E. E. Meek, M.D.    | J. M. Shaw, M.D.     | 46         | 6         |               | 2            |              |         | 145      | 50        |           |
| 122         | Alex. Dunlop...     | Alfred W. Morgan     | 10         |           | 1             | 4            |              |         | 77       | 7         |           |
| 123         | Fred Irvine...      | W. H. Deacon...      | 5          |           |               | 2            | 1            |         | 57       | 2         |           |
| 124         | Geo. Brine...       | T. J. Armstrong...   | 28         |           |               | 1            | 1            | 1       | 70       | 25        |           |
| 125         | E. Elwell...        | H. L. Rothwell...    | 11         | 4         |               | 2            |              |         | 75       | 13        |           |
| 126         | W. H. Doty...       | H. W. Ireland...     | 15         | 1         |               | 2            |              |         | 65       | 14        |           |
| 127         | John M. Rudd...     | Jno. F. Doyle...     | 7          |           |               | 1            |              |         | 42       | 6         |           |
| 128         | W. H. Sutherland    | Rev. C. A. Proconier | 2          |           |               | 1            |              |         | 53       | 1         |           |
| 129         | J. E. White...      | Wm. Babb...          | 3          |           |               | 1            |              | 1       | 39       | 1         |           |
| 130         | J. A. Purvis...     | P. J. Scott, M.D.    | 6          | 1         |               |              |              | 1       | 61       | 6         |           |
| 131         | W. J. Ferguson...   | H. J. Case...        | 3          | 1         |               | 2            | 1            |         | 50       | 1         |           |
| 132         | A. B. Munro...      | W. S. Bowden...      | 1          |           |               | 3            |              | 2       | 108      |           | 4         |
| 133         | Wm. Hyndman...      | Geo. W. Fluker...    | 6          |           |               | 2            |              |         | 60       | 4         |           |
| 134         | G. Campbell...      | Wm. Bick...          | 4          |           |               |              |              |         | 52       |           | 4         |
| 135         | Will E. Tummonds    | V. M. Hare...        | 6          | 1         |               | 3            | 3            | 1       | 80       |           |           |
| 136         | William Young...    | J. W. Bradley...     | 33         |           |               | 4            |              | 2       | 134      | 27        |           |
| *137        | J. H. Marshall...   | J. S. Volume...      |            |           |               |              |              |         | 44       |           |           |
| 138         | Jesse C. Smith...   | Wm. Speers...        | 9          |           |               | 2            |              |         | 86       | 7         |           |
| 139         | H. Pacey...         | W. H. Harper...      | 12         | 1         |               | 1            | 1            |         | 36       | 11        |           |
| 140         | Geo. A. Grant...    | E. H. North...       | 12         | 2         |               | 1            | 4            |         | 92       | 9         |           |
| 141         | Russel Hartney...   | John Clark...        | 2          | 2         |               |              |              |         | 72       | 4         |           |
| 142         | R. R. Napier...     | Jno. Matthews...     | 2          |           |               | 1            |              |         | 51       | 2         |           |
| 143         | Lawrence McLean     | D. P. McDiarmid      | 3          |           |               | 1            |              |         | 51       | 2         |           |
| 144         | C. R. W. Proctor... | F. A. M. Roblin      | 3          |           |               |              |              | 1       | 46       | 2         |           |
| 145         | Chas. G. Smith...   | Harry Leeson...      | 14         | 3         |               | 10           | 31           | 6       | 400      |           | 30        |
| 146         | R. A. Hunter...     | A. St. G. Hawkins    | 8          | 1         |               | 3            |              |         | 50       | 6         |           |
| 147         | Duncan M. Gordon    | D. N. Lawrence...    | 3          |           |               |              |              |         | 46       | 3         |           |
| *148        | C. S. Bennett...    | J. A. MacInnes...    |            |           |               |              |              |         | 44       |           |           |
| 149         | Geo. B. Cameron...  | R. Gillespie...      | 10         |           |               |              |              | 1       | 49       | 9         |           |
| 150         | F. Marshall...      | C. C. Reed...        | 12         |           |               | 2            |              |         | 87       | 10        |           |
| *151        | J. H. Leach...      | J. P. Miller, jr.    |            |           |               |              |              |         | 36       |           |           |
| *152        |                     | Geo. A. Stethem...   |            |           |               | 1            |              |         | 22       |           |           |
| 153         | G. W. Smith...      | J. G. Dalgety...     | 10         |           |               |              |              |         | 47       | 9         |           |
| 154         | John Black...       | Jas. A. Lester...    | 16         |           |               | 7            | 1            |         | 103      | 8         |           |
| 155         | G. B. Smith...      | Theo. E. D. Byrne    | 1          |           |               |              |              |         | 18       | 1         |           |
| 156         | Richard Shore...    | C. D. Batty...       | 4          | 1         |               |              |              |         | 39       | 5         |           |
| 157         | E. R. Bailey...     | R. J. Mutrie...      | 14         |           |               |              |              |         | 50       | 14        |           |
| 158         | Dawson May...       | Geo. F. Pritchard    | 8          | 3         |               | 1            |              |         | 40       | 10        |           |
| 159         | H. E. Bedingfield   | P. J. Dewie...       | 44         |           |               |              |              | 1       | 54       | 43        |           |
| 160         | Thos. Robertson     | Alfred J. Romeril    | 16         | 2         |               | 1            |              |         | 41       | 17        |           |
| 161         | And'w Williamson    | Will J. Hill...      | 17         |           |               | 2            |              |         | 63       | 15        |           |
| 162         | James McCauley...   | J. E. Caldwell...    | 37         | 17        |               |              |              |         | 54       | 54        |           |
| 163         | John McCurrah...    | W. N. McEachren      | 13         | 13        |               |              |              |         | 26       | 26        |           |
| 164         | Jas. A. Fuller...   | Wm. Milner...        | 24         | 11        |               |              |              |         | 35       | 35        |           |
| UD          | T. W. Fawcett...    |                      |            | 10        |               |              |              |         | 10       | 10        |           |
| UD          | Jno. R. Anderson.   | R. J. Mariott...     |            | 14        |               |              |              |         | 14       | 14        |           |
| UD          | R. Raikes...        |                      |            | 26        |               |              |              |         | 26       | 26        |           |
|             |                     |                      | 1,295      | 187       | 21            | 222          | 183          | 137     | 13,032   | 1,048     | 87        |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                                             |                  |             |              |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Number of Chapters 139.                     |                  |             |              |
| Number of Members, December 31st, 1907..... |                  |             | 12,971       |
| "                                           | Registrations    | " 1908..... | 1,295        |
| "                                           | Joinings         | " ".....    | 187          |
| "                                           | Restorations     | " ".....    | 21           |
|                                             |                  |             | <hr/> 1,503  |
| "                                           | Withdrawals..... |             | 222          |
| "                                           | Suspensions..... |             | 183          |
| "                                           | Deaths.....      |             | 137          |
|                                             |                  |             | <hr/> 542    |
| Net Gain. ....                              |                  |             | 961          |
| Total Membership, December 31st, 1908.....  |                  |             | <hr/> 13,032 |

## EXPULSION, U.M.C.

No. 122. Dan. Bruhn.

## SUSPENSION, U.M.C.

No. 154. Charles Macdonald.

## SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

- No. 2. W. W. Lumsden, J. A. Pettit, H. E. Pendleton, Richard Roe, J. N. Smith, F. E. Bradley, J. Richardson, J. A. McDonald, H. A. Webster, G. E. Bond, J. K. Cross, T. Graham, C. W. Martin.
- No. 5. H. Murray, T. W. Nichol, A. J. Stephens, Frank Thompson.
- No. 6. Thos. Crooks, H. E. Coldham, Thos. Brown, J. D. Hamilton, J. Keith, A. A. Wighton.
- No. 8. Wm. Thompson, M. F. McKay, A. Jacks, F. O. Johnston, B. McMahon.
- No. 18. A. E. Windsor, Jas. Hamilton, R. W. Moote, C. Hubner, R. H. Walton.
- No. 20. John Grant.
- No. 22. H. W. Bennett, John D. Mills.
- No. 23. H. W. Pursel, T. E. O'Donnell, T. A. P. Frost, John Alexander.
- No. 24. A. E. Matthews, J. H. Bricker, W. H. Kerr, A. MacBeth, S. Craig.
- No. 34. John Blain, M. J. Chantler, R. A. Dutton, Gordon Grant, N. E. Hinch, P. Jones, C. Kortwright, Louis Lane, Geo. McLean, J. A. McLean, W. McGowan, T. S. Patterson, Sam. Ship, M. J. Speers, A. Urquhart, E. A. Wilson.

- No. 35. S. T. Barclay, John Reid, J. W. Thompson, E. D. Warren, John Grigg.
- No. 40. A. Cordiner, A. A. Anderson, G. F. Davidson, Hugh MacDonald, J. R. McDowell, W. Bremner.
- No. 45. T. K. Rutherford.
- No. 48. J. J. Kern, R. W. Morrow, J. A. Jamieson, R. C. Post.
- No. 54. Chas. Locke, Geo. Beattie.
- No. 56. G. H. Armstrong, Thos. Coulter, J. W. Marshall, J. H. Mein, A. G. McKay, J. B. Struthers.
- No. 62. W. P. Thompson, J. F. Hofland, E. J. Stubbs, F. J. Hughes, C. J. Forrest, H. Klingensfeld, A. P. Brace, W. Macfarlane, E. E. Birchard.
- No. 63. H. T. Hurdon, John Welsh, J. F. Chillick, W. A. Ruttem.
- No. 67. W. G. Simmil, J. T. Ireland.
- No. 73. D. Marr.
- No. 76. Wm. Hoshal.
- No. 77. Paul Branciere, John Baird, G. M. Davidson, W. R. Jackson, W. J. Sykes, A. R. Still, R. T. Williams, Angus Campbell.
- No. 80. W. Bang, W. Clement, W. H. Wickett, J. P. McConnell.
- No. 82. Henry de Z. Sewell, Chas. J. Carroll.
- No. 84. Peter Tansley.
- No. 86. J. H. Dickenson, Henry Pedwell.
- No. 94. L. Archambault, W. H. Bick, A. H. Brandon, F. Campbell, W. C. Perry, H. D. Talbot, H. E. White.
- No. 98. R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, C. C. A. Warren, T. W. Smirl, T. W. Saul, G. C. Whalley.
- No. 102. Jas. Webb, R. McPhee, R. J. Templeton.
- No. 112. L. W. Howard, W. P. Chamberlain, W. L. LeRoy.
- No. 117. T. L. Armstrong.
- No. 120. Chas. Trumbull, Ernst Rummelmeyer, Phil. J. Hickey.
- No. 123. Geo. Ritchie.
- No. 124. Allan W. Spiers.
- No. 131. Neil McMillan.
- No. 135. G. A. Scott, M. Searles, Geo. Thompson.
- No. 139. G. Sills.
- No. 140. Alex. Leslie, C. D. Cole, A. D. McMillan, M. L. Stewart.

- No. 145. T. Brownlee, F. P. Beemer, Fred. Carnall, W. H. Cooper, F. Dalton, J. H. Dodgson, W. J. Dampe, H. K. Gray, J. S. Herod, N. C. Whitney, H. Wellbanks, H. C. Wald, J. Wand, E. V. Leake, Thos. Maguire, J. A. Mills, T. G. Malcolm, D. T. McIntosh, N. A. McLean, G. B. McClellan, W. B. Powell, T. E. H. Price, R. T. Robinson, W. J. Sykes, J. R. Storr, J. T. Stuart, C. P. Stuart, W. J. Squires, J. R. Townley, F. N. Vanzant, S. Mitchell.

## RESTORATIONS.

- No. 3. Alex. C. Ross.  
No. 6. W. G. McAndrew.  
No. 8. H. D. Wisner.  
No. 41. F. G. Lewis.  
No. 45. L. F. Purdy.  
No. 52. M. A. Bremmacombe, W. M. Gordon, A. E. J. Durrant.  
No. 59. F. D. Hicks, James Flynn.  
No. 68. W. H. Love.  
No. 76. James Dickenson.  
No. 79. J. W. Thompson.  
No. 80. Saml. Rykman.  
No. 84. James Harry.  
No. 90. H. F. Holmes.  
No. 91. M. J. Lepper.  
No. 98. Geo. Brown.  
No. 100. John Borthwick.  
No. 106. Fred. J. Jay.  
No. 122. J. B. Kenty.



R. E. COMPANION

**Walter H. Blight**

GRAND REGISTRAR

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DIED 27th JUNE, 1908

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TORONTO, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

**Thomas Robinson**

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

MANITOBA DISTRICT—1892

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DIED 10th AUGUST, 1908

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WINNIPEG, MAN.



R. E. COMPANION

**Thos. C. MacNabb**

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, 1887-8

AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND  
CHAPTER OF DELAWARE

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DIED 4th AUGUST, 1908

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CHATHAM, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

**Richard D. Hall**

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HURON DISTRICT—1898

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DIED 24th FEBRUARY, 1908

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KINCARDINE, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

**Gen. Nelson Rose**

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—1899

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DIED 3rd OCTOBER, 1908

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WAPOOS, ONT.

R. E. COMPANION

**Richard Roberts**

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ALGOMA DISTRICT—1904

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DIED 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1908

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PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

V. E. COMPANION

**Adam Borngasser**

PAST GRAND STEWARD—1880

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DIED 23rd MARCH, 1908

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

V. E. COMPANION

**Ogden Finch**

PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE VEILS—1890

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DIED 15th SEPTEMBER, 1908

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WINNIPEG, MAN.

V. E. COMPANION

# Frederick Mudge

PAST GRAND ORGANIST—1872

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DIED 10th DECEMBER, 1908

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TORONTO, ONT.

## Deaths

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- No. 1. Thos. Donnelly, Aug. 10; Allan McLean, May 14.
- No. 2. E. A. Dalley, Jan. —; John Gompf, Jan. 21; C. W. Mulligan, Oct. —.
- No. 4. Walter H. Blight, June 27; John A. Ferguson, Dec. 11.
- No. 6. B. Edwards, Mar. 10; A. E. Shaver, Apr. 26; G. F. Bieley, Oct. 25; R. S. Bradley, Nov. 9; Jos. Mason, Dec. 7.
- No. 7. Wesley Latimer, Dec. 23.
- No. 8. H. A. Collins, June 20.
- No. 15. J. E. Hunter.
- No. 16. T. T. Simpson, March 6.
- No. 19. H. W. Rees, Mar. 27; E. Goodman, Apr. 9.

## Deaths

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- No. 20. W. H. Alford, Jan. 15.  
No. 22. Jas. Stephenson, Apr. 13.  
No. 23. E. A. Owen, May 2.  
No. 24. Jno. Rennie, Geo. Simpson, Feb. 3; Jas. Trim,  
Dec. —; E. J. Burton, Aug. —; A. H. Bur-  
goyne, Feb. 5; Allan Steckle —.  
No. 26. F. J. Golden, Mar. 17.  
No. 28. J. P. Purdy, June 14.  
No. 31. J. F. Berringer, May 23; John Terrill, Aug. 2;  
Geo. Nelson Rose, Oct. 3; David B. Clapp,  
June 29.  
No. 34. J. C. Smith, July 30; F. N. Warren, Apr. 9.  
No. 35. Geo. Kerr, Apr. —; R. S. Dillingham, Nov. 26;  
Fred. Mudge, Dec. 10; J. Stanton, Dec. 25.  
No. 36. C. H. Brereton, Sept. 6.  
No. 37. W. L. Glidden, Dec. 27; T. R. Froom, June 12.  
No. 44. Wm. Templeton, March 3.  
No. 45. F. O. McGlennon, Dec. 18; C. H. Craig, Mar. 5.  
No. 47. Thos. C. MacNabb, Aug. 6.  
No. 48. J. T. Mulholland, May 24.  
No. 50. Thos. Pinkerton, Sept. 3; Thos. Hood, Dec. 12.  
No. 52. J. Hollinger, May 28; Ogden Hinch, Sept. 15;  
Thos. Robinson, Aug. 10; Jno. McBride,  
Apr. 11; N. McGovan, Apr. 10; Jno. Bailey,  
May 24.  
No. 53. Jas. Moore, July 2; Jno. Radford, Oct. 15;  
Sam. Stokes, Dec. 17.  
No. 54. Jesse Wallis, Mar. 14; F. R. Else, Sept. 27.  
No. 55. Chas. E. Brown, Sept. 14.  
No. 56. Wm. Miller, Aug. 7.  
No. 57. C. E. McCall.

## Deaths

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- No. 58. J. McCracken, July 1; R. F. Wilkinson, Jan. 18.  
No. 59. Wm. Quinsey, Dec. 30.  
No. 60. Adam Borngasser, Mar. 23.  
No. 61. C. A. Forsythe, Apr. 27.  
No. 62. John Burke, Mar. 20.  
No. 63. R. D. Hall, Feb. 24.  
No. 64. C. L. Seeger, Mar. 2.  
No. 67. Thos. H. Gordon, Dec. 12.  
No. 69. C. H. Pettit, Apr. 25.  
No. 70. J. R. Higgins, Feb. 20.  
No. 74. Jno. Robertson, July 27.  
No. 77. J. F. Smith, Feb. 6; W. J. Ball, July 25; O. J. Abraham, Sept. 28.  
No. 79. Jas. Bedley, May 16.  
No. 80. Jas. McMurray, Oct. 28; Joseph Thompson, Sept. 17.  
No. 81. R. C. Wright, Jan. 29; Stephen Pound, May 29.  
No. 82. Wm. Hill, Oct. 11; Richard Roberts, Sept. 2; David Mills, Aug. 2.  
No. 83. G. H. Goethins, Dec. 30.  
No. 84. G. C. Hanna, Nov. 2; Jas. Fleuty, Nov. 11.  
No. 86. Joseph Bell, May 28.  
No. 88. Henry Weston, Mar. 16; T. C. MacNabb, Aug. 6.  
No. 91. J. J. Cassidey, Apr. 7.  
No. 94. A. Sawers, Dec. —.  
No. 98. A. A. Boak, Mar. 6; A. Borngasser, Mar. 23; Geo. Brown, Nov. —; Thos. McKinnon, Dec. 20.  
No. 99. W. McCullough.



## Deaths

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- No. 100. G. S. Johnson, May 29.
- No. 102. C. A. Anderson, Mar. 6; W. Turner, Mar. 9;  
W. S. Craig, Apr. 12; R. Roberts.
- No. 104. Henry Wilson.
- No. 106. W. W. Bein, Aug. 14; H. J. Richardson,  
Dec. 10.
- No. 110. Robert Walker, Jan. 19.
- No. 112. Duncan MacDonnell, —; C. W. Bouck, —.
- No. 113. David Wishart, July 4.
- No. 114. Robt. Campbell, Dec. 25; T. B. Muir, Feb. 9.
- No. 115. John Ramsay, Jan. 2.
- No. 117. E. A. Stout, Oct. 16.
- No. 118. Chas. Forsythe, Apr. 27.
- No. 119. Edw. Nash, Sept. 12.
- No. 120. L. R. Lindsay, Geo. Whiteside, Sept. 23.
- No. 124. R. B. Kelly, July 14.
- No. 129. W. White.
- No. 130. Arthur H. Ridout, Aug. 5.
- No. 132. Jas. E. Birmingham, Aug. 30; R. Heaslip,  
Feb. 21.
- No. 135. S. U. Flummerfelt, July 11.
- No. 136. D. R. Gardiner, Aug. 9; J. T. Yates, June 18.
- No. 144. J. R. Maitland, Nov. 26.
- No. 145. W. C. Adams, May 31; C. A. Bernard, May 10;  
H. A. Collins, June 20; G. A. Christie, July  
5; F. C. Miller, Feb. 24; C. Sparkhall,  
Apr. 19.
- No. 149. Wm. Braden, July 29, '06.
- No. 159. C. A. Anderson, Mar. 7.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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## BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

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|------------|--------------------|-------------|
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| "          | W. G. Reid         | Hamilton    |
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| "          | John Leslie        | Winnipeg    |
| "          | Henry Robertson    | Collingwood |
| "          | Harry H. Watson    | Vancouver   |
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| "           | G. B. Foster, Toronto      | Toronto      | " 8         |
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| "           | J. W. Sanders, Port Hope   | Ontario      | " 10        |
| "           | W. R. Howson, Stirling     | Pr. Edward   | " 11        |
| "           | A. S. Knapp, Brockville    | St. Lawrence | " 12        |
| "           | A. S. Wade, M.D., Renfrew  | Ottawa       | " 13        |
| "           | H. A. McKibbin, Pt. Arthur | Algoma       | " 14        |
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| "           | A. A. Davis, Nanaimo       | B. Columbia  | " 16        |
| "           | A. R. Duncan, Edmonton     | Alberta      | " 17        |
| "           | Fred. Irvine, Nelson       | Kootenay     | " 18        |
| "           | E. E. Meek, M.D., Regina   | Saskatchewan | " 19        |

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| R. E. Comp. | Aubrey White   | Toronto     |
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| "           | W. T. Toner    | Collingwood |
| "           | H. T. Smith    | Toronto     |
| "           | Wm. Forbes     | Grimsby     |

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| "           | " O. Ellwood           | London          |
| "           | " R. J. Craig          | Cobourg         |
| "           | " A. T. Freed          | Hamilton        |

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## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman.

## LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

## ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. Thos. Scullard,  
Chatham.

| No.                  |             | No.                |            |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| 47, Wellington.....  | Chatham     | 88, MacNabb.....   | Dresden    |
| 71, Pr. of Wales.... | Amherstburg | 119, King Cyrus. . | Leamington |
| 73, Erie.....        | Ridgetown   | 164, Lorne.....    | West Lorne |
| 80, Ark.....         | Windsor     |                    |            |

## LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland,  
Thedford.

| No.                  |            | No.                   |           |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 3, St. John's.....   | London     | 74, Beaver.....       | Strathroy |
| 5, St. George's..... | London     | 81, Aylmer.....       | Aylmer    |
| 15, Wawanosh.....    | Sarnia     | 78, Minnewawa . . . . | Parkhill  |
| 53, Bruce.....       | Petrolia   | 150, London.....      | London    |
| 54, Palestine.....   | St. Thomas | 153, Sombra . . . . . | Sombra    |

## WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Inksater,  
Paris.

| No.                  |           | No.             |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 18, Oxford.....      | Woodstock | 41, Harris..... | Ingersoll |
| 20, Mount Horeb .... | Brantford | 115, Brant..... | Paris     |
| 23, Ezra.....        | Simcoe    |                 |           |

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Andrew Fisher  
Harriston.

| No.                 |           | No.              |             |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| 32, Waterloo.....   | Galt      | 83, Ionic.....   | Orangeville |
| 40, Guelph.....     | Guelph    | 117, Berlin..... | Berlin      |
| 67, Enterprise..... | Harriston |                  |             |

## HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. T. Marlatt, Oak-  
ville.

| No.                |          | No.                     |          |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 2, The Hiram.....  | Hamilton | 75, St. Clair.....      | Milton   |
| 6, St. John's..... | Hamilton | 104, White Oak.....     | Oakville |
|                    |          | 155, Ancaster . . . . . | Ancaster |

## HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. John Stevenson,  
Stratford.

| No.                           | No.                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 24, Tecumseh.....Stratford    | 84, Lebanon.... .Wingham    |
| 30, Huron.....Goderich        | 129, Elliot.....Mitchell    |
| 46, St. James .....St. Mary's | 130, Chantry....Southampton |
| 50, Saugeen.....Walkerton     | 146, Bernard.....Listowel   |
| 63, Havelock.....Kincardine   | 147, Lucknow.....Lucknow    |
| 66, The Malloch.....Seaforth  |                             |

## NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. F. J. McClelland,  
Niagara.

| No.                             | No.                            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 19, Mt. Moriah...St. Catharines | 64, Willson.....Welland        |
| 29, McCallum.....Dunnville      | 69, Grimsby.....Grimsby        |
| 55, Niagara.....Niagara         | 76, Mt. Nebo ....Niagara Falls |
| 57, King Hiram... Pt. Colborne  |                                |

## TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. Geo. B. Foster,  
Toronto.

| No.                                          | No.                            |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4, St. Andrews and<br>St. John's.....Toronto | 79, Orient.....Toronto         |
| 8, King Sol'on's,....Toronto                 | 91, Antiquity.....Toronto      |
| 60, Doric.....Newmarket                      | 135, Succoth.....Uxbridge      |
| 62, York.....Eglinton                        | 138, Shekinah.. West Toronto   |
| 65, St. Paul's.....Toronto                   | 145, The St. Patrick...Toronto |
| 77, Occident.....Toronto                     | 163, The Beaches ....Toronto   |

## GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.

| No.                           | No.                            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 27, Manitou.....Collingwood   | 95, Tuscan .....Sudbury        |
| 34, Signet.....Barrie         | 102, Algonquin ..S. Ste. Marie |
| 56, Georgian.....Owen Sound   | 103, St. John's.....North Bay  |
| 70, Grand River. .Bracebridge | 131, Amabel.....Wiarton        |
| 86, Macpherson .....Meaford   | U.D. Georgian .....Midland     |

## ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders  
Port Hope.

| No.                           | No.                            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 28, Pentalpha.....Oshawa      | 94, Midland.....Lindsay        |
| 35, Keystone.....Whitby       | 110, Warkworth...Warkworth     |
| 36, Corinthian.....Peterboro' | 134, King Darius ..Cannington  |
| 37, Victoria.....Port Hope    | 139, St. Andrew's ....Havelock |
| 45, Excelsior.....Colborne    | 144, Presqu'Isle .....Brighton |
| 48, St. John's.....Cobourg    |                                |

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. R. Howson,  
Stirling.

| No. |                          | No.  |                         |
|-----|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 7,  | The Moira.....Belleville | 44,  | Mount Sinai.....Napanee |
| 26, | St. Mark's.....Trenton   | 72,  | Keystone.....Stirling   |
| 31, | Prince Edward.....Picton | 161, | Madoc.....Madoc         |

## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. Simpson Knapp,  
Brockville.

| No. |                                                 | No.  |                             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1,  | Ancient Frontenac and<br>Cataraqui.....Kingston | 100, | St. Lawrence, ...Brockville |
| 22, | Grenville.....Prescott                          | 112, | St. John's.....Morrisburg   |
| 59, | Sussex.....Brockville                           | 113, | Covenant.....Cornwall       |
| 68, | Maitland.....N. Augusta                         | 132, | Leeds.....Gananoque         |

## OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. A. S. Wade, M.D.,  
Renfrew.

| No.  |                        | No.  |                              |
|------|------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 16,  | Carleton.....Ottawa    | 133, | St. Francis... Smith's Falls |
| 58,  | Pembroke.....Mattawa   | 143, | Glengarry.....Maxville       |
| 61,  | Granite.....Almonte    | 148, | St. John's... Vankleek Hill  |
| 114, | Bonnechere.....Renfrew | 151, | Laurentian .....Pembroke     |
| 116, | Maple.....Carleton Pl. |      |                              |

## ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. H. A. McKibbin,  
Port Arthur.

| No.  |                           | No.  |                          |
|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 82,  | Shuniah.....Port Arthur   | 149, | Atwood.....Rainy River   |
| 90,  | Golden.....Kenora         | 152, | Alberton.....Ft. Frances |
| 140, | Ft. William...Ft. William |      |                          |

## MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. W. A. Ducker,  
Winnipeg.

| No.  |                             | No.  |                         |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 52,  | Pr. Rupert.....Winnipeg     | 136, | King Edward, ...Neepawa |
| 99,  | Keystone ...Port la Prairie | 141, | Keystone.....Brandon    |
| 101, | Corinthian.....Boissevain   | 156, | Avondale.....Hartney    |

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Nanaimo.

| No.  |                          | No.  |                      |
|------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|
| 98,  | Vancouver....Vancouver   | 127, | Keystone.....Nanaimo |
| 124, | Westm'ster, N. Westm'ter | 142, | Cyrus.....Cumberland |



## ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. A. R. Duncan,  
Edmonton.

| No.  |                | No.        |                              |
|------|----------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 106, | Alberta.....   | Calgary    | 126, Assiniboia..            |
| 118, | North Star ... | Edmonton   | 159, Golden West, High River |
| 158, | Shekinah ..... | Lethbridge |                              |

## KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Fred Irvine, Nelson.

| No.  |                | No.      |                             |
|------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 120, | Kootenay.....  | Kaslo    | 125, RockyMount'n,Cranbrook |
| 122, | Rossland ..... | Rossland | 128, Revelstoke....         |
| 123, | Nelson .....   | Nelson   | 137, Crow's Nest.....       |
|      |                |          | 157, Okanagan .....         |
|      |                |          | Vernon                      |

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Grand Superintendent — R. E. Comp. E. E. Meek, M.D.,  
Regina.

| No. |                  | No.        |                       |
|-----|------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 121 | Wascana.....     | Regina     | 162 Moosejaw.....     |
| 160 | Prince Albert... | Pr. Albert | U.D. Saskatoon....    |
|     |                  |            | Saskatoon             |
|     |                  |            | U.D. Moose Mountain.. |
|     |                  |            | Arcola                |

## UNATTACHED.

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Bell, Dawson.

| No.  |               |
|------|---------------|
| 154, | Klondike..... |
|      | Dawson, Y. T. |

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# APPENDIX

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

COMPANIONS,—The compilation of a report on Foreign Correspondence is a duty as pleasant as it is weighty. but it is small satisfaction to the compiler to realize that the pages he so carefully puts together for the benefit of his Companions are as a sealed book to the great majority, and that the long hours and midnight oil are consumed to little purpose. It is a remarkable fact that in Lodges and Chapters scattered over a vast territory there are to be found, month after month and year after year, hundreds of intelligent members who sit out the meetings, listen interestedly to discussions and vote on impulse or for friendship, but who never venture to open their lips on the subject in debate.

The reason is obvious. They are afraid of tripping. They do not read and are conscious of their ignorance. That lack of knowledge has been responsible for much misunderstanding and its too frequently lamentable results.

The copies of printed Proceedings that every Chapter receives annually are apparently not always free to the membership. In rare cases only are they visible in the Chapter room and when, as occasionally happens, the Companions are accused of being a non-reading fraternity, the truth of the matter is that the very thing that would satisfy their inclination, has been placed out of reach. A remedy is demanded for such conditions and ought to be applied quickly. The volumes of Proceedings sent to each Chapter should be for the

use and instruction of the Companions generally and not for retention as perquisites in the homes of one or two officers.

It is, to readers of these reports, a well known fact that many brethren, now shining lights in Symbolic and Capitular Masonry, were first aroused to active interest by perusing the Foreign Correspondence. The variant methods of the many jurisdictions, the diversity of opinion in the interpretation of Masonic law and procedure, the absorbing fascination provided by the study of individual character and the earnestness exhibited by all in presenting the one main impressive object, combine to awaken an appetite in many breasts for further supplies of similar nutriment.

But there are undoubtedly those who would not read were the volume placed under their celestially directed noses. Nothing in it for them. They've heard of that kind of thing before and know all about it.

"I am an agnostic," remarked a young man in a proud and dignified tone of voice. "And an agnostic is what?" inquired an elderly gentleman. "An agnostic," replied the smart youth, "is a fellow, don't you know, who isn't sure of anything." "I see," was the reply; "but how does it happen that you are so sure you are an agnostic?"

In the following pages we have sought and culled what seemed to us interesting and to furnish good reading for our Companions, and, in the hope that it may prove so and incite a keener and more general desire for Masonic information, we again start out on our lengthy journey.

## **Alabama**

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Grand Chapter a year or more back discussed the proposition to make Montgomery the permanent place of meeting in view of the fact that at each and every succeeding Convocation that city was the undisputed



choice of the Companions. Singularly enough the idea did not find sufficient favor, but Montgomery was again selected for the Eighty-first Annual Convocation, held on the 2nd December, 1907, and when the Companions assemble for their eighty-second it will be within the familiar confines of Montgomery.

Robert S. Teague, Grand High Priest, whose portrait and biography, with those of Grand Secretary Beauchamp, comprise a welcome introduction to the volume of record, opened the proceedings at 10 a. m. He was supported by an array of punctual officers and a phalanx of dutiful representatives of sister Grand Chapters, in which is noted the faithful Lew Lazarus, bearing Canada's credentials. The latter's devotion to the Royal Craft, it is pleasant to observe, has been deservedly rewarded by elevation to the chief office and during the current year Alabama's interests are in the hollow of his palm.

Not once in the course of his uneventful term was the attention of the Grand High Priest directed to the lively strain of

"Ho, Brudder Teague dost hear de decree?"

"Not a single controversy has arisen and no question of conflict has been presented for my action," said he and proceeded to congratulate Grand Chapter on the abundant evidences of prosperity. Everything being so delightfully harmonious, his address involved no severe strain in its preparation nor on his hearers. His official acts included the issue of dispensations for three new Chapters and for various other things. If he accomplished any visits to the Chapters he is discreetly silent on the matter and closes with a promise of continued 'unabated zeal in the cause of our beloved Order.'

"So mote it be!"

A former member of a Chapter, now defunct, applied for a certificate in the nature of a dimit. The records of the Chapter did not show that the Companion ever received the degrees, nor that he had ever been a member thereof, but the then High Priest, had certified to the

fact that he was present when the Companion was exalted. It was moved that a certificate in the nature of a dimit be granted on the payment of \$1.50, and the motion was adopted. All of which appears to this writer as something in the nature of loose working.

The constitution is to be reprinted and the monitorial and ceremonial work included with it.

One of the reports complained that nine Chapters omitted to include a Chaplain, adding that every Chapter should have one. What for? Each possesses a High Priest and if he is unfitted to pray he lacks one of the qualifications of his exalted office.

A Companion at the morning session proposed the abolition of the Committee on Work as the existing ritual rendered such superfluous. This was agreed to. During the interval for refreshments he indulged in a profound think, and on Grand Chapter resuming labor asked that the morning vote be reconsidered, which was also agreed to, and the "workers" are still in the enjoyment of active toil and were given an opportunity to display their skill.

The Jurisprudence Committee, which is apparently composed of Companions who delve below the surface, reported non-concurrence in the following resolution :

" That a Companion Royal Arch Mason shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason who has been expelled or suspended for any reason by the M. M. Lodge of which he was a member. Nor shall a dimitted Master Mason be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, who voluntarily remains dimitted from a M. M. Lodge for a longer period than twelve months from the date of his dimit."

Grand Chapter, however, which is not partial to delving, carried it on the motion of the Companion who abolished and reinstated the "workers" at an earlier stage. He is, to all appearances, the prime "mover" of the assembly and what he "moves" invariably goes. The same Companion asked for a Committee to arrange and publish another edition of the ritual and his request

was thereupon complied with. He achieved various other "moves" successfully and no doubt "returned to his own country with the satisfaction of having performed his duty."

Companion William Yates Titcomb is again to the fore with a chatty, pleasant and very instructive report on Correspondence. His review of Canada for 1907 is exhaustive and courteous. He observes that we still "hammer" at dependent membership, but when he wields that implement in opposition he goes far afield. For instance under Maryland, he says :

"While attaching commendation by Companion Schultz to the top-most rung in our ladder of appreciation, we despair of being able to convince him that he is in error in respect of dependent membership. 'Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone.'"

Bright things like this must be most welcome to Companion Schultz in his loneliness. We can fancy the veteran smiling audibly when he learns of Alabama's "despair"—and then

"The same to Companion George J. Bennett, of Canada, whom he extensively quotes on the d. m. subject."

Now, dear Companion, don't you think you should have spelled out those words? It is a mistaken economy to risk a reputation for clean expression among readers some of whom are doubtless careless in interpretation. Remembering that we are an Ephraimite, he will surely excuse a "turbulent" query.

It is just possible, and Comp. Titcomb will, we feel, rejoice, that we may lay aside that hammer. The d. m. subject, as he curtly describes it, has been laid out and dissected in so many ways without changing an opinion, that to continue the inquest is only to perpetrate a cruelty on the jury, eleven of whom are obstinate in their erroneous opinions.

Of modern writers and students of Masonry the one awarded the palm by universal consent for deep research and accurate deduction based upon fact, is William

James Hughan, the English historian of whom Dr. Mackay said he "must unhesitatingly be acknowledged as '*facile princeps*' the ablest, the most laborious and the most trustworthy investigator." A letter from Bro. Hughan received some years ago by the writer, contains the following personal opinion of "the d. m. subject," which at that time was beginning to spread epidemic-like through the jurisdictions of the United States and to which territory it is happily confined :

"It (dependent membership) is a mistake and cannot work well because it is not fair, and savours of intolerance. Better for a brother to subscribe to a Royal Arch Chapter if not affiliated as a Master Mason, than not, and possibly such an one might again come back to the fold."

"The R. A. is a separate degree, whatever may be said about its complementary character, and so it is absurd to require subscription to a craft lodge to retain membership in a Chapter."

Comp. Titcomb's never-failing good nature will now aid him to endorse the claim, if any, that this illustrious historian of the Craft may possess to admission to the Ancient Order of Ephraim and its worshipful benefits. To do so and thus declare Alabama's superior position on "the d. m. subject" furnishes a golden opportunity for distinction. With such a declaration from such a "trustworthy" and lofty source, the calling down of small fry like Bennett, Schultz *et al*, sinks to insignificance.

. A most enjoyable report throughout and one which his Companions should value highly. We thank him for kind words which are much appreciated and sympathise with him in the position which his Grand Chapter places his Committee in connection with the recognition of Western Australia. His support of the appeal was based on similar lines to our own and should never have been turned aside for the consideration of another Committee. His kindly disposition prompted a greater forbearance than would be exercised by others. Fraternally we take leave of Companion Titcomb for another short year.

Lew Lazarus, Birmingham, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

**Arizona**

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 554.

"In the 'stope' of the 'Lone Star mine,' under the town of Moenci, Arizona," was held the Eighteenth Annual Convocation on the 20th November, 1907.

Not being conversant with subterranean vernacular, we are ignorant of what "the stope" is or why "the stope" was selected, and there is nothing in the proceedings to enlighten the careful reader. Of the sixteen regular Grand Officers, however, only seven descended to "the stope," and these, it is gathered, reached the surface again, intact. Five of the Chapters were represented and the vacancies were filled by the Deputy Grand High Priest who presided in the regrettable absence of M. E. Comp. Albert D. Barnhart, Grand High Priest, detained in consequence of the recent death of his father.

The G. H. P. wrote a letter of explanation and asked to be permitted to submit his address at a later date. The latter document is printed with the proceedings, but it contains little to interest any outside of the jurisdiction.

The Grand Chaplain wrote that the expenses incidental to attendance were beyond his means and he preferred to sacrifice the pleasure of communing with his Companions rather than overlook legitimate demands upon his purse.

A letter of sympathy and a distinctive jewel were voted to the outgoing G. H. P.

Francis M. Zuck, Holbrook, Grand High Priest.

Geo. J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

**Arkansas**

Chapters . . 82.

Members . . 3470.

Companion Edmund Metcalf, who for a quarter of a century had guarded the portals of all the Grand Masonic bodies in Arkansas, was the only active officer of Grand



Chapter to receive the final summons during the year. His place as Grand Sentinel was filled by another when Grand Chapter met in Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, at Little Rock, on November 21st, 1907.

Comp. John T. Hicks, M. E. Grand High Priest, confined himself to a resume of his official doings in a brief address.

In the previous year, it will be remembered, Mulberry Chapter, No. 91, dormant since 1901, narrowly escaped the headsman. He sent the Grand Lecturer to inspect the Mulberry with instructions, under certain conditions, to take action so that it 'cumbereth the ground' no longer. That observant officer, however, detected latent evidence of the vitality which we hinted was inherent in that tardy growth and, during the beneficent month of May, he so tended the delicate thing that it is now reported strong, fragrant and prolific.

The Grand Lecturer, he said, had accomplished some profitable visitation, but he deplored the reluctance of the Chapters to invite the Grand High Priest. He had only one such request.

Two worthy, but physically helpless, Companions were thoughtfully and substantially remembered by resolutions of sympathy and accompanying grants.

Grand Secretary Bone's report was very hopeful. He recorded a net gain of 239 for the year.

A number of the Committees reported being out of employment, and those which were engaged did not complain of heavy duty.

Companion David L. King, whose report on Correspondence we anticipated with pleasure, wrote explaining its absence on the ground of prolonged illness. An expression of sympathy was tendered the Companion.

Sam. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.



**California**

Chapters . . 90.

Members . . 10580.

Grand Chapter commenced its Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation in Golden Gate Commandery Hall, San Francisco, Tuesday, April 21st, 1908.

"Those who were present at the closing hour last year will not soon forget the prayer of the Grand Chaplain and the gradual fading away of his words as he fell backwards in a fainting condition. This seemed to foreshadow the early passing of our beloved Companion, and soon after we were informed of his departure to the better land.

"Eli Tucker Blackmer, Past Grand High Priest and our Grand Chaplain, was a rare man. Much reading and observation had fed a mind naturally bright and receptive, until it had acquired a remarkable store of learning."

Grand High Priest Charles J. Willett also expressed the sorrow of Grand Chapter for the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Benjamin Franklin Tuttle and Milton Hills Myrick.

Four new Chapters saw the light under his regime and he constituted three others. The gain in membership for the year he reported as 730.

He was active in visitation and utilized an outside organization to perform a Grand Chapter function, which, to say the least, was odd.

"June 13, 1907, Past Grand High Priest Hughes completed his year of service as Commander of Los Angeles Commandery, K. T., and installed the new officers. With the consent of the E. C. elect, I presented to Companion Hughes a solid silver tea set on behalf of this Grand Chapter."

In closing he referred to the exclusiveness of the Royal Arch by pointedly indicating the publicity given to the Symbolic craft by its right to participate in and conduct certain ceremonies, and to the Templar body by its periodical displays and pageantry.

"The Royal Arch Chapter is the most secret of all. It never appears as a body, in public processions or ceremonies of any kind. For this reason little or nothing is known about the

Chapter except by its own members. Let me urge upon you the thought that it is this very modesty of presentation and this secrecy of conduct that give to Capitular Masonry a strength all its own."

Never appears in public? What about those installation ceremonies to which the hoi polloi are invited in certain sister jurisdictions?

The kindly reference of the Grand High Priest in his address to the elderly Companions, "The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary," seemed to meet with a cheerful response in the body of the Grand Chapter, the Companions rising to their feet and saluting their seniors with the Grand honors, which graceful compliment drew from the recipients their appreciative and thankful acknowledgments.

An interesting report was submitted by the Grand Lecturer, who was assiduous in well doing. The value of the English Mark over which the Earl of Euston presides, and which is accorded recognition by California's Correspondence Committee at least, is questioned by the report. 

"A visitor, member of a Mark Master's Lodge in England, and not having received any of the other Capitular Degrees, desires to visit a Chapter in this Jurisdiction during the conferring of the Mark Master's Degree; is he entitled to a committee for examination to that end? I decided adversely, basing my decision on the following excerpt from Article III., Section 12, Constitution of the Grand Chapter of California: 'No person shall be admitted as a member or visitor in any Chapter unless he shall have regularly received the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch, in just and legally constituted bodies of such.' Article III., Section 40, Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, authorizes Chapters to confer the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees on Companions who prove themselves to be Royal Arch Masons, but is silent regarding the rights of Brethren who have received the Mark Master's Degree only."

The matter was subsequently considered in Grand Chapter and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, which found:

"That no one is entitled to a Committee of Examination except he had received all the Capitular Degrees in a just and legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter."

The Grand Mark Master Mason of England was given the glad hand in California. His lowly brother received the cold shake. It afforded no little amusement, in conjunction with the foregoing, to read the following from the address of a confiding brother at the antipodes to his brethren of the Mark degree. "Set 'em up again."

I find that the stupid calumny so often exposed in the past is again being propagated in the country districts, that Mark Masons under the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales are not received outside New South Wales. Brethren, there is not a scintilla of truth in this statement. As has been pointed out over and over again, M.W. Past Grand Master Howe has visited, as a Mark Mason, Chapters in America; I have done so in Ireland; England—our mother Grand Lodge—works in exactly the same way as we do, and of course always welcomes our brethren. It seems a waste of time to knock down this ninepin every time some irresponsible person chooses to set it up, but a lie once given a start is hard to overtake, and this lie should be boldly contradicted on every occasion.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to secure and preserve for the Grand Chapter the records and incidents connected with the memorable meeting held on the morning of April 18th, 1906, submitted their report properly framed for presentation to the Grand Chapter.

The Earthquake and Fire History Committee recommended further: "That immediately after the completion of the opening exercises of each annual session of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall direct the calling of the roll of all the Companions in attendance at the second day's session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, held on the morning of April 18th, 1906, in the old Masonic Temple at Post and Montgomery streets, after the earthquake and during the fire that destroyed San Francisco, and that all those Companions answering "present" shall then be specially received and accorded Grand honors."

It was also provided that the records and lists used on that memorable morning be specially cared for, that

full size photo reproductions be secured and distributed, and that each Companion present furnish a letter recounting his experiences on that day, the letters to appear in the Annual Proceedings or under separate cover.

Past Grand High Priest Thomas Flint, who was recognized in the body of the Grand Chapter, was called out and conducted to the Altar, when he was addressed by the Grand High Priest, and complimented for his heroic conduct during the never-to-be-forgotten disaster of April 18, 1906.

Grand Lecturer Henry Ascroft, who devoted "his hours of refreshment" to the composition of a manual that has proved of great value to the Grand Chapter by establishing uniformity in the rendition of its ritual and ceremonials, was recognized by the gift of a typewriter.

The Correspondence Committee with the veteran Companion Davies as its head and front, presented a report of 160 pages replete with information. Canada is not included nor did we expect it as he reviewed our 1907 proceedings in the former year.

Fred'k W. G. Moebus, Alameda, Grand High Priest.  
Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

### **Colorado**

Chapters . . 40.

Members . . 3,817.

A veteran of the war and of the Craft was removed when death summoned Captain John Samuel Titcomb on the 18th March, 1908, an engineer and surveyor of great skill and wide experience. He was Grand High Priest in 1880.

"He was conscientious in the performance of every duty, caring nothing for the perishable rewards of the world ; he was happiest when following the humble and peaceful path of useful service to his fellows."

The Companions assembled as usual in the Masonic Temple at Denver for the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation on 24th September, 1908, and just one month

from that date we are perusing the printed record of the proceedings. We extend congratulations to Grand Secretary Jacobson.

Having paid the customary tribute to departed Companions, Grand High Priest William W. Cooper told the story of his official year, with some original thought added, which no doubt his Colorado readers will appreciate.

He was asked if it was a violation of Masonic law for a Chapter to serve intoxicating liquors at its banquets. He referred the questioner to the regulations of Grand Lodge which frowns darkly on such practices.

A Chapter wanted to confer the Mark upon seventeen candidates and asked permission for a special Convocation to combine with the regular so as to insure ample time to do the job complete. He refused, as no immediate necessity was observed and opined that there was no wisdom in the bunching process.

"Freemasonry in all its transactions, both with the outside world and its own members, should never be in a hurry. I think that our attitude towards those who desire our privileges should be such as to say to them in substance : " If you measure up to our standards, and if your coming among us will not disturb the harmony already existing among our members, then *in our own way, and in our own time*, we will admit you to participate in our labors. Men usually value highest those things which are not easily obtained."

Now, if he can secure a few copyists, along this line his notion that a restoration of higher ideals in Masonry may be *au fait accompli* in the future will possibly see realization in the next century. These heavy classes however bear the suspicion of encouragement from those in high places whose estimate of lofty ideals is comprised in the fez and its accompaniments. A little more of the iron hand in dealing with applications for rapid transit will have a wholesome effect, but it must be general.

A new Chapter in Denver was authorized and although its work in the interval was good the dispensation was continued for another year.



He had to deal with a case of invasion of jurisdiction by a Chapter in Utah working under a charter from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to a certain extent involving relations with that body. However, he expressed the belief that the matter will soon be disposed of amicably.

He was a sensible and judicious visitor. Of the forty Chapters at work he visited twenty-one. He devoted his time to Chapters that seldom receive these official visits. Some of the Chapters visited had not received attention of this kind for various periods, ranging from one year to eight years. There are two Chapters in the State that are not located on a railroad, and to reach them requires a stage journey of two hundred and twenty-five miles. The Grand Lecturer made them a visit, the first they had received from a Grand Officer since they were instituted.

"At the earnest solicitation of Companion Charles F. Painter at Telluride, I abandoned the uncertainties of railroad travel, and securing a horse, rode over the range from Ouray to Telluride. And I am very grateful that he persuaded me to do so ; for, although I have been a resident of Colorado many years, and accustomed to beautiful scenery, the sublimity of the views presented on this trip, and the profound emotions aroused in one, as without any human companionship he views them alone, are beyond my power to express. Although the journey was somewhat difficult, sometimes above the clouds and sometimes below, at times passing over fields of eternal snow, I at last reached the summit of the range some thirteen thousand feet above the level of the sea, and my eyes feasted on one of the most magnificent views on the American continent. As I pondered there I was reminded of the legend of the travels of three ancient sojourners, and of the fact that the symbol of a journey, with all its manifold hardships and discouragements, so typical of human life, is met with so often in Masonic Degrees. Reluctantly leaving the scene, I turned down the slope, and descending nearly a mile in elevation, in a few hours reached Telluride. That evening, I visited Telluride Chapter."

In one of his closing pages he gives a few thoughts to what he terms "Dangers to the Institution," embracing (1) the changing attitude of mankind in regard to the questions of religion, (2) "the influence of other organizations formed in imitation of Freemasonry,"



and (3) "a lack of appreciation of the value of our peculiar rites and ceremonies," all of which are discussed briefly but clearly. From his second topic we quote :

"These societies are doing a wonderful amount of good ; they are practicing a great many things that we preach. \* But when all is said, they are not Masonic, because they stand upon arbitrary foundations, while Freemasonry is based upon principles that govern the universe. And many Masons are unable to distinguish any difference between our institution and its imitators, except that Freemasonry is older and its ceremonies are more solemn. From these societies have come innovations in our work, and, worst of all, a craze for numbers, or large membership, which will in time prove to be a source of weakness."

The Grand Lecturer was apparently as busy a visitor as his chief and accomplished some rare journeyings in his mission of instruction. His labors received due appreciation at the hands of the Finance Committee.

The outgoing Grand High Priest was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, with the appreciation of the Grand Chapter for his splendid services in behalf of Capitular Masonry.

For the twenty-first time M. E. Comp. Ernest LeN. Foster furnished the report on Correspondence and comments kindly on Canada's jubilee proceedings. The compilation provides good reading and instructive withal. The remarkable and in some cases virulent crusade against persons engaged in the liquor traffic which a number of Grand Masonic bodies have unjustifiably espoused and on which some of their mouth-pieces have expressed themselves in tones of the true fanatic type, does not find an advocate in Comp. Foster. To the Oregon reviewer's remark that he never met a saloon keeper that marked up to the standard of "good men and true," his keen sense of justice prompts him to rejoin.

"This we think rather too sweeping an assertion, for although much opposed to the liquor traffic in the way it is generally conducted, we certainly have met saloon-keepers who were much more moral, law-abiding citizens, better husbands, better parents, truer friends than even some we have admitted to the privilege of calling us Brother. If saloon-keepers alone were attacked, this class of legislation would not be open to as much criticism as the sweeping application that is made of it, we find

decision after decision that it means not a saloon-keeper, but anyone directly or indirectly connected with the manufacture or sale of vinous or spirituous liquors, some even who are total abstainers themselves are thus cut out ; there should be more discrimination than there is concerning these laws, and the line can only be drawn by leaving it to the Lodges to decide. If any Lodge became notorious in admitting bad characters, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge could put a stop to such proceedings in two minutes by the scratch of a pen arresting the charter. It is force of character in our members we need to enforce the right and condemn the wrong, hiding behind a law is cowardice ; it is pharisaical, hypocritical, and not the action of a stalwart, true, loyal and moral man, willing to take up his cross and bear its banner for the right because it is right."

He calls down the Washington reviewer for crediting himself with nineteen reports instead of eighteen and in his "conclusion" reminds us for the second time that this is his twenty-first. Unless we hunted the matter up we could not at the moment say how many are our own offences, nor have we any ambition to start counting, at least for another twenty years. He tells us that Cunningham of Ohio is the earliest, starting in 1864, and that the veteran Schultz has issued his thirty-first. Is it any wonder that we desire to postpone taking a personal interest in statistics of this nature ? We'll resume the subject along about 1929.

Geo. D. Kennedy, Colorado Springs, Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

### ***Connecticut***

Chapters . . 40.

Members . . 7768.

The portrait of Samuel H. Huntington, M. D., the M. E. Grand High Priest, pleasantly prefaces the record before us and indicates that this progressive State is not without its men of weight in Masonic affairs. The One hundred and tenth Annual was convoked in the city of Hartford, on 12th May, 1908, with a goodly array of officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-nine Grand Representatives, including Canada, and a most gratifying attendance of Chapter delegates.

Three Past Grand High Priests had been taken during the year, viz.: M. E. Comps. John L. Hill, Asa Smith and Dwight Waugh, to each of whom the address from the throne paid due tribute.

The Grand High Priest in reply to a query decided that a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters cannot be opened at any Convocation without first opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He made a study of Chapter by-laws, in fact spent four years at the pastime, and made some startling discoveries, so much indeed as to prompt him to recommend the preparation of a standard code, the adoption of which should be made obligatory on every Chapter. This was approved.

He had something to say about the charter which he claimed should be of sheepskin and recommended its adoption to the exclusion of perishable paper. This found favor.

He was in a recommending vein, but not all of his offerings, which were of local interest only, were accepted.

In the matter of visitation he was active and with his colleagues did good work. One of the Chapters visited by him he reports as having solved the problem of preventing decrease of membership by non-payment of dues. No dues are charged, the fees for initiation having always proved sufficient for the support of the Chapter, which, by the way, has in this year of grace reached its hundredth birthday.

Another Chapter he reported as conferring the Royal Arch degree "with such vigor and startling realism, yet without levity or loss of dignity."

The Deputy Grand High Priest's report of his inspections is interesting. In one of the Chapters he was met with the naive proposition on the part of one of the prominent Companions that the Chapter might "by unanimous consent" temporarily suspend one of its by-laws. Of course he was referred to the provision of general Masonic law which forbids such practice.

" This, and other cases where it has apparently been assumed that parliamentary law with its technicalities and subterfuges should *govern* in Masonic bodies (instead of being sometimes utilized as a proper means for the orderly transaction of business), furnishes a fresh reminder of the common neglect of Masons of every degree to familiarize themselves with at least the elementary provisions of general Masonic law."

Four Chapters were found by him to be availing themselves of the technical evasion known as " calling off " instead of closing. To each was communicated the decision bearing upon that subject.

The utility of the Grand Representative is suggestively illustrated in the report of the Grand King wherein he casually mentions his appointment as such and adds :

" I, therefore suggest, that if any companion in this grand jurisdiction contemplates visiting Nevada, that by applying therefor he will most cheerfully receive a letter of fraternal introduction."

A proposal to appoint a Grand Lecturer was rejected.

The amendment to the Constitution increasing the salary of the Grand Secretary was adopted.

Companion Barlow, P.G.H.P., Connecticut's octogenarian reviewer, is again responsible for an excellent Correspondence report, and we trust to yet see many more such from his pen.

He is a believer in dependent membership and is very pleased to encounter all and sundry who agree with him and his views on physical perfection are reasonable.

" We believe there is a medium between the two extremes of physical perfection required in some Jurisdictions, and almost ignoring physical qualifications in others, by requiring that the candidate shall be able to conform to all the requirements without the aid of artificial appliances."

In a former review we commented on Connecticut's peculiar attitude with regard to a visiting Companion from a foreign jurisdiction who did not possess the preliminary degrees, and suggested that Companion Barlow had not given us his personal opinion. He does so now :

"It is a matter that we are not very strenuous about, but we think these degrees should be conferred, not communicated, and it does not seem necessary or convenient to do that for one evening's visit."

Which we respectfully venture to suggest, is a plea of the sieve variety. The foreign Companion asks for bread and receives a—nutmeg.

"Ah, so you would like to visit, eh? Sorry, but you'll have to excuse us. We have our own business to attend to this evening, and to devote so much time to you, whom we may never see again would never do, you know. Good bye, *dear* Companion. Call again next year, or some other year. Ta, ta."

Door closed gently, but firmly. On the inside, exultant relief. On the outside—eloquent silence. Mutually fraternal—of course.

Our venerable Companion quotes a portion of the introduction to our review, including the fifty year old suggestion of Illinois as to Canada's official nomenclature but without adding the rejoinder in which lay the kernel of the nut. Now why did he omit that? We can only opine that, like the visiting foreign Companion, it is more convenient to leave embarrassing matters—on the outside.

Compulsory membership as before remarked, he believes in, but agrees that it is an innovation.

"We admit that the regulation is of modern origin, as the system of dues is, which seems to have been born of necessity and the burden should be borne equally by all—that is dependent membership—for a portion to shirk that duty places an additional burden upon the faithful ones."

And yet a close study of the statistician's labors reveals the compelling fact that proportionately there is no diminution in the annual returns of withdrawal and suspension nor are the ranks of the "faithful ones" recruited to any unusual extent from the vast army of unaffiliates. Look it up for yourself, dear Companion.



A comparison of the dependent membership era with that of a similar period, prior to the adoption of the "doctrine," would afford food for sober reflection.

George A. Kies, Norwich, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

### ***Delaware***

Chapters . . 4.

Members . . 984.

Canada's representative was not among the twenty-seven who reported at the Fortieth Annual Convocation, held in Wilmington, on the 15th January, 1908, although that city is his post office address, as it is indeed of most of the Representatives. Nevertheless, the proceedings were in no way impaired and Grand High Priest Thomas J. Jacobs welcomed the delegates cheerily and congratulated them and himself upon a progressive but uneventful year.

Eighty-two were added to the roll and fifteen names removed. Of the latter death had taken the majority one of whom was Joseph A. Bond, M.E. Grand High Priest in 1888-9.

The Grand High Priest enjoyed the proud distinction of having visited all the Chapters in his jurisdiction, and considered that if there were faults they would be amended by the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. He was not troubled with any appeals for decisions or even for a single dispensation, so he filled up with a batch of recommendations one or two of which are unique.

Some of the Past Grand High Priests lacked courage to face the camera, and he suggested that they be appointed a Committee to look after themselves in the matter of having their "picters took" at their own expense and presented in suitable frames at the next Annual Convocation.

Another was, that Chapters shall not confer the degrees without the payment of the usual fee, nor remit any part thereof. Which brings up the awful possibility of floating I. O. U's.



That the presiding officer appoint an instructor for each newly advanced Mark Master. Not a bad idea and worthy of consideration elsewhere.

Again, that the High Priest elect of a Chapter must present a certificate from the Grand High Priest that he is proficient in the work before he can be installed. This would entail something to do for the chief ruler in some jurisdictions we know of.

And many others including decapitation for the Grand Representative who failed to represent at two consecutive Annual Convocations. This was snuffed out.

The establishment of the Cryptic Rite in Delaware was apparently under advisement, but the Committee who had it in charge reported that after carefully going over the details of expense, etc., connected therewith they do not deem it advisable at this time to go into the matter ; therefore asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

M. E. Comp. Harrison's review of other jurisdictions is presented in his usual concise, but, comprehensive style. It is apparent that he is restricted to a limit, as there are too little of his own clear and instructive views expressed. Canada for 1907 is generously given a page of kindly notice.

The deplorable prevalence of profanity as an idle habit, he thus recalls under Florida, whose ruler urged the black ball as a deterrent :

" We are very much afraid that if the black ball was used on all who are in the habit of using 'cuss words,' those who did finally cross the 'dead line' would feel lonely. It is not a very pleasant habit, but it is one that a large majority are addicted to, and while it is not to be commended, we do not think it justifies the black ball."

Which brings to mind the story of the old divine and his spouse, who, compelled to undergo a long voyage, encountered a severe storm which frightened the aged couple very much. In her terror the old lady persuaded her husband to seek out the captain and enquire if there

was any danger. The captain for answer directed the clergyman's attention to a group of seamen who were toiling at their vocation and making the air blue with profanity.

"When you hear the hands agoin' on like that, sir, you may take your davy things are all right."

The gale however, increased in violence and the straining ship to the afflicted passengers appeared to be in a bad plight. The old gentleman was again urged to ascertain how matters stood, and going forward with difficulty, was brought up by a section of the dripping crew to whose shoutings he listened for a minute and then returned to his anxious wife.

"Make your mind easy, my dear," he said, "they're swearing as hard as ever."

Alfred M. Clower, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

### ***District of Columbia***

Chapters . . 12.

Members . . 3401.

"One of the few native sons of the District of Columbia who have presided over the Grand Chapter is M. E. Companion Claude F. King, the thirty-seventh Grand High Priest.

"Diligent and steadfast in the performance of every Masonic duty, and in every branch of the fraternity with which he is connected he is 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

His portrait is quite up to the standard of the interesting biography of which the above extracts are the head and tail.

Special Convocations were called in May and September to attend the funerals of Past Grand High Priests John Lockie and James F. Appleby respectively, at both of which M. E. Comp. King presided.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation held on Feb. 12th, 1908, saw a large attendance. Thirty-two of the Grand Representatives were present, but he from Canada did not answer.

The Grand High Priest in his address ignored the oratorical air ship and confined himself solely to his official actions, none of them of thrilling importance.

He decided against the "free pass" for clergymen, satisfied the scruples of a Companion who was threatened with honorary membership and who feared acceptance might be interpreted as violating the regulation which bars dual membership.

The new Masonic Temple and the contributory fairs, for the success of which the Companions of the Royal Arch displayed zealous activity, was a theme for congratulation.

Referring to affiliated Orders, he highly commends the degrees of the Cryptic Rite.

"These degrees are a very material part of the education of every Royal Arch Mason, and I trust those who have not received them will make inquiry and not be satisfied until they have added these two degrees to their Masonic knowledge.

"The fee is a moderate one and every Royal Arch Mason is eligible."

A resolution of sympathy with Maryland's Grand Chapter in the loss by fire of the beautiful temple at Baltimore, was passed.

The constituent Chapters presented to the Grand High Priest a handsome silver punch bowl which was accepted by the latter in felicitous remarks. Grand Chapter also presented a distinctive jewel.

Grand Secretary Arvine W. Johnston complains that "The Capitular World" furnishes little on which to whet his reportorial blade. Yet he makes a most enjoyable something out of nothing, as when he remarks of Scotland, "The House that Jack Built would afford more promising material for the reviewer than the proceedings of this Grand Chapter."

"In these piping times of peace the reviewer is in sore straits to find something that will interest his readers. It is easy to

perfunctorily review a meatless report, but, as Sheridan once remarked, 'easy writing is damned hard reading.'

"The writer has done the best he could with the material at hand, and he presents his work with the hope that it will pass inspection and entitle him to wages."

"An' what for no?" as the immortal Meg Dodds would say. Wages to him is due even if the Scot's "bawbee" is doubtful.

Canada for 1907 is favorably reviewed and on this occasion he lets the writer down easy and rings a few changes on the "jingling Johnny" defence of what Alabama describes as "the d. m. subject."

To Companion Barlow's comment on the perils of "the refreshment season" he aptly says:

"There is too little of the strictly social in Masonry—too much business, too much 'degrees,' too much dignity, form, and ceremony, too many stilted and dreary speeches. We need more unbending, more life, more hilarity, and more free intercourse—none of which need mean excess in the use of stimulants. The trouble with our little 'bluffs' at refreshments is that they occur so late that there is no time for anything but a grab, a gulp, and a good-bye."

And to the "holier than thou" sentiments of those who would squelch and cast out to utter darkness by special legislation the traffickers in liquor, he thus addresses himself:

"If it is wrong to sell liquor, it is wrong to buy liquor; and it is but a step from debarring the seller to debarring the buyer. But there are sellers *and* sellers, as there are buyers *and* buyers. As long as we can afford to discriminate in the latter class, as we do, we can and should exercise the same discretion as to the former. Otherwise we might as well become a Father Matthew T. A. B. Society at once."

In bidding him adieu for the present, we can only say of him as he said of another: "If we quoted all his comments that are worth quoting we would have no room to quote from anybody else."

E. St. Clair Thompson, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

**Florida**

Chapters . . 27.

Members . . 1625.

Jacksonville was again the meeting place for the Florida Companions, and a goodly gathering it was, although the representative of this fair land was unable to put in an appearance and thus enhance the importance of the Sixty-second Annual Convocation held in the Masonic Temple on May 12, 1908.

Dr. Robert Jasper Perry's death a year ago had created a gap in the roster of Past Grand High Priests.

Florida, like many of its sisters is progressing, and not a little of its success is due to systematic visitation. Grand High Priest W. S. Ware did his whole duty in this respect, and effected much good. One of his visits is thus recorded :

" March 7th, in company with Past Grand High Priest, E. E. Haskell, Grand Master, F. & A. M. and Past Grand High Priest, James Carnell, we visited Jericho Chapter, No. 11, at Miami and witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred in a very able manner, which was followed by a banquet. We had the pleasure of meeting Companion J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada and Companion W. G. Scott, Past Grand Master of Manitoba. An address by Companion Robertson on the ' Origin of the Royal Arch Degree ' was very instructive."

Notwithstanding his earnest efforts he was of the opinion that the methods could be improved upon and thought the " Grand Lecturer " plan would do away with the inclination to " splurge," a feature which the ordinary visits of Grand Officers invariably created in the Chapters, the Companions of which lean more to hospitality than work.

Three dispensations for new Chapters were issued, two of them, he said, were doing well. The third asked for a continuation of the dispensation.

A Correspondence Committee of three is appointed, but no evidence of their labours is submitted with the proceedings.

John H. Weddell, Thonatossasa, Grand High Priest.  
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

**Georgia**

Chapters . . 134.

Members . . 6769.

"What marvelous changes have been wrought since a handful of Companions organized our Grand Chapter at Louisville in 1822? The riotous imagination of the author of the 'Arabian Nights' never dreamed of a wand whose magic touch could produce such wondrous marvels as invention and discovery have laid at our feet."

"Then Macon was a rude village whose streets were trod by the Indian. Now she is a queenly city with every comfort, convenience and luxury that wealth and civilization can command."

"The humblest home to-day may boast comforts and luxuries that the wealth of a Midas could not have purchased in 1822."

"Nothing is more remarkable than the growth of that great central Masonic contention, the Brotherhood of Mankind, in these eighty-six years. Now a misfortune anywhere awakens a sympathetic, responsive sentiment everywhere."

"Our growth has been commensurate with our surroundings. In 1822 'from Yonah's heights to Tybee's lights' we were six Chapters. Now our number is 130."

The above extracts from the introduction to the address of Grand High Priest Thos. F. Moody to his Companions at the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation at Macon on the 29th April, 1908, reveals the general satisfaction in that blissful State at existing conditions, as well as maintaining Georgia's reputation for ornate expression.

He had not been called upon during the year to perform any "disagreeable or delicate" task, nor was he asked once to expound the law, for all of which he gives credit to the "new code" in the hands of intelligent officers.

The Grievances Committee considered the cases of two Chapters which had charged Companions with "continuation non-payment of dues."

The Committee's recommendation that the offenders in each case be "expelled from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry," was adopted.



Thus non-payment of dues is regarded in Georgia as so grave a Masonic offence that it is met with the supreme penalty.

Two new Chapters were instituted and one resuscitated.

Seven Chapters were behind with their returns, and the charters, after another vain application, are to be arrested.

The Finance Committee congratulated Grand Chapter "on its magnificent financial condition."

A resolution expressive of regret that General Grand Chapter, which voted to meet at Savannah in 1909, had selected November, "a period of the year has been selected that displays our Southland at a time when its fields are bare, its forests are denuded of their foliage, its business men engaged in the most important work of the year, and its climate shows to the greatest disadvantage," and that Georgia Companions, as the prospective hosts, should have been consulted, was carried by a rising vote. So a Committee will endeavor to effect a change.

The minimum fee for the degrees in Georgia is twenty dollars, but Forest Chapter, No. 70, conceived the idea of a "bargain day," and was running in candidates for ten dollars per. This rank violation of law aroused Grand Chapter, and a Committee of five was appointed to collate evidence with a view to applying the whip at a later period.

Very prettily did Companion A. E. Keese present the outgoing Grand High Priest with Grand Chapter's token of regard.

"I have known you all your life—a barefoot urchin, a school boy, a young man giving high promise of useful citizenship, a man filling all the measure of manhood, redeeming all the promise of your youth and the hopes of your friends. Our relationship has been intimate and it is a pleasure to me to remember that not one incident has ever occurred to mar its friendly course."

And just as neatly was it accepted by M. E. Comp. Moody.

"That it comes through the hands of a lifetime friend with the loving message prompted by his loyal heart, makes your beautiful gift a hundredfold more appreciated. I shall teach my children to hold this as the proudest treasure I shall ever bequeath them."

M.E. Comp. A. M. Lambdin, as formerly, presents a most readable report on Correspondence, and to our jubilee record he devotes a generous share of attention.

"This semi-centennial volume of the Grand Chapter of Canada is not only most attractive, but withal a very interesting book. The Convocation was held the last of January, and this twelfth day of March we find it on our table fresh from the hands of the printer.

"As the Grand Representative of this jurisdiction, it has an especial attraction for us, and we have lingered for hours over its contents."

"A medal, both beautiful and unique, was furnished to each member of the Grand Chapter as a souvenir of the occasion. We hereby express our grateful appreciation of the one sent us by Companion George J. Bennett, and it will be our pleasure to wear it at the next convocation of our Grand Chapter."

Reviewing the report of the veteran Schultz, of Maryland, he remarks :

"He states in the same connection that he has passed his eightieth mile post, which fact clearly disputes the theory of his compatriot, Dr. Osler."

And it is now in order for the dons of Oxford to prepare to claim that distinguished Canadian as an Englishman.

L. M. Heard, Elberton, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihun, Macon, Grand Secretary.

### **Illinois**

Chapters .. 191.

Members .. 26132.

With eloquent prayer by the Grand Chaplain and several selections by the Lexington Quartette, the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on the 24th October, 1907.

The Committee on Credentials reported a large attendance, including a full staff of officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, and no less than forty Grand Representatives, which is probably a record number. Canada's vacancy has not yet been filled or assuredly there would have been another.

Comp. Marcus M. Lord, M.E. Grand High Priest, welcomed the Companions briefly, referred to the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Richard T. Higgins and Philander W. Barclay, and then detailed his official acts.

Two new Chapters were started during his regime, and attended closely to the matter of visitation, and also to Schools of Instruction, and to communicate with the Chapters effectively he issued an "encyclical."

He was asked if the sash referred to in the ritual of the P.M. should be worn in that degree. If so, what was its colour? This was not easy enough for him, so he passed it on. The Committee later instructed the Grand Chapter that the sash was not necessary, and when it was used, as explained, it was to be of purple hue.

He decided that Companions should be "crowned" in the R.A. degree, that white aprons only be worn in the preliminaries and defined the proper peg for the Master's hat in Mark Past and M. E.

The Grand Captain of the Host distinguished his term as District Inspector by inaugurating a degree team which was duly christened "The Standard Royal Arch Club," with the object of exemplifying the work with the dignity and accuracy it deserves. The "Club" did excellent work.

The Grand Secretary presented reports from Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters as follows: Comp. George J. Dunbaugh near Colorado, Comp. William Forbes near Canada, Comp. Joseph J. Read near Nevada, Comp. J. Edward Murphy near New York, Comp. C. Carthew Yourstoun near Scotland.

There was little further of interest to note. The retiring Grand High Priest not only received a jewel, but also a special vote of thanks.

M.E. Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle's Correspondence report is much after his usual style. To the Grand Chapters he gives 36 pages and to himself the balance of the sixty-eight. The former comprises what purports to be a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings, and the rest a clever and amusing collation of characteristic views and criticisms on topical matters in which truism is strongly blended with cynicism, spiced with occasional pungent quotation and a sprinkling of humour that now and again descends to the racy vernacular. This rare collection he appropriately brands as "Fragments," and the "picker" in many cases had to journey far afield for something to fill the basket. He even appealed to the Masonic press, and in one instance reproduced a peculiar article, for which he shoulders responsibility and which in the interests of accuracy, if not the amenities, could have well borne re-editing. One relation therein, viz., the Hanmer-Webb incident, was promptly challenged, if memory serves aright, by a contributor to the journal in which it first appeared, but no mention is made of that fact and it is of little consequence anyway.

His statements, so far as the remodelling of the Royal Arch in the United States is concerned, must, in the absence of proof, be considered as daring as his tone is exaggerated. He will pardon us for saying that that kind of assertiveness is not calculated to satisfy those who are earnestly seeking to arrive at the truth and appeal for something more tangible. It is all very well to proclaim that there exists "abundant documentary evidence," but until that is brought to the light of day we must continue to accept the visible testimony.

"I find it further asserted by some of the critics and historiographers, that originally the Chapter workings of the United States were the same as those now practised in England and Canada, but that Webb and his associates, out of their intense hatred of England and everything English, invented a new degree which was not only widely different from the old and genuine article but further catered to the democratic spirit by dethroning the King and making him subservient to the Priest."

It had been suggested that the relegating of the regal member of the Council trio to second place was a matter of expediency and to accommodate the spirit of the times, as no doubt it was. The expression, "intense hatred" is from the local mint and may be included with other original gems. Nor have we observed that it was ever asserted that the U.S. Royal Arch was "a new degree" invented by Webb and his associates. This too must be classed under the head of *facetia*. What we do say and respectfully maintain is, that the degree as remodelled, not invented, for the U.S. system was not, and is not, the degree as formerly practised in England, that in the latter country the High Priest was not at any period, known as chief officer, so far as existing documentary evidence can disclose, that the early use of that title on this continent is to be attributed to the Irish working, which was propagated by means of the numerous military lodges in British regiments stationed in the colonies, and that Webb and his co-workers in retaining the English legend as the basis, were not justified in officering it from another source, except as a concession to long usage or for other reasons considered expedient at that period.

"Sufficient has been cited to show that before Webb joined the fraternity the Royal Arch degree, with officers as we now know them, was known and worked in different parts of the country and that such degree so worked was a direct English importation."

With that latter rather bold statement we fraternally beg to take issue. It is noted that the above and similar assertions have influenced one or two members of the corps reportorial to accept that *ipse dixit* and to declare that Companion Warvelle had established his claim. Let us see.

Whatever the source of the U.S. degree "with officers as we now know them," it certainly was not England. Far more likely is it to be found in the Irish field lodges already mentioned, which were constantly being moved from place to place in the then settled country. Ireland's ceremony has always been apart from that of England and Scotland, and down to the close of the



early half of the nineteenth century had a High Priest as ruling officer in the Royal Arch. Then its Council (not its Biblical foundation) was changed to King, High Priest and Chief Scribe, but they are not identical with the regal, sacerdotal and prophetic offices of the legend of the Second Temple. There is nothing extant to show that the sister countries ever practised other than the latter "with officers as they now know them," This matter we have examined into for ourselves "on the spot," and with the aid of brethren whose names are familiar to Masonic readers.

The three principal officers of the first regular Chapter in England, established in London in 1765, were styled "Zerubbabel," "Haggai," and "Joshua." The record is there in clear, legible characters, and all who run may read. This Chapter developed into the Supreme Grand Chapter (Moderns) of 1767, and the lists show similar officers annually from 1765 down to the union of 1817, and are so continued since.

But it was a far cry from England to America in those days, and what was handiest was found to be most convenient. Ireland's initial authority to connect a lodge with a military organization was issued in 1732. England did not follow that lead until 1750. Hence it may be readily divined how much advanced in later years the former's methods and working were in the colonies where those regimental lodges were a great disseminating power, a resultant condition that American recorders of history have not regarded with the importance it merited. Dr. Mackay attaches special value to the work of the lodge in "The Royal Irish Regiment" which, according to that writer, was the "mother of Royal Arch Masonry in America." Had his valuable researches led him to follow the working of the subsequent field lodges much light would have been shed on matters that are now obscure. Diligent burrowing into old lodge chests and discoveries of documents in remote and unexpected places have in recent years elsewhere, served to explode much of the theories and beliefs of Dr. Oliver's time and indeed of that of Dr. Mackay.



What the influence of the Irish ambulatory lodges must have been cannot be estimated lightly. They had their Master and Wardens for the symbolic beginning their High Priest for the Royal Arch, a Captain General for Templar instruction, and where other mysteries were included the necessary titles were not lacking. And all this was practised, as Companion Warvelle correctly states, many years before Webb became a Mason, and in citing certain ante-Webb Chapters, he contributes nothing new nor offers anything in the line of testimony on the point at issue.

He tells us of the Washington Chapter of New York of 1790 or before, which died intestate, but left a progeny, one of whom had a baptismal certificate of 1791, signed H.P. K. and S. This clincher is followed by others, the St. Andrew's Chapter of Boston, and the Hiram of "Connecticut," each working before Webb's Masonic advent, were in the same condition. All of which is familiar to every reader and if Companion Warvelle happens to run short of samples similar to those he quotes, we will be pleased to furnish him with a few of genuine Canadian brand, ancient and guaranteed.

There must have been some, however, who in those days took the trouble to enquire more closely into matters, for is it not on record that the Grand Chapter sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and which was formed in 1795 had its "three chiefs," Z., H. and J. for officers? This, too, was before Webb's activity as a Royal Arch Mason. That there were others who investigated for themselves and hesitated to apply the official appellations of Ireland to the existing ceremony, is quite possible.

In Canada the same anomalous condition existed and its Masonic history clearly demonstrates the early influence of the travelling warrant. In Upper Canada the first knowledge we have of the Royal Arch is gathered from certificates issued by a lodge in the 8th Regiment of Foot in 1782. This was under an "Ancient" warrant. They were signed by the W. M. and Wardens. The Irish certificates under the field warrants were invariably signed by the High Priest.

Canada, like her neighbor, submitted to custom and custom, while it holds sway, is tyrannical. A period arrived, however, which was to bring order out of chaos. The Grand Chapter of Canada was organized in 1857 and its originators decided, after much deliberation and searching enquiry at the fountain head, to discard the mixed working that they had been accustomed to for so many years and adopt the English Royal Arch and its ancient methods, but to facilitate visitation, resolved to retain the U. S. preliminary degrees in the system.

The groundwork of the Royal Arch as it was formerly crudely worked may have harmonized with the leading title of High Priest, and if its genesis was Irish authority it certainly did. If otherwise, it did not. The basis of the Irish legend was at first, the finding of "the book of the law," by Hilkiah the priest, hence the chief officer, but without departing from the scene and its incidents the details of the discovery developed later into a similarity of operations, familiar elsewhere, but incidental to the repairing of the original Temple under the young king Josiah and it is he who is represented in the Irish ceremony of to-day.

It is a fact beyond peradventure that for at least thirty years before Webb's advent as a ritualist, the chief officer of the English Chapter was not the High Priest. Engaged on a work of such magnitude as the systematizing of the degrees for his country it would be an insult to the memory and intelligence of the ambitious ritualist to suggest that he proceeded with his labors without acquainting himself with conditions across the ocean, but Webb received the degree, according to Companion Warvelle, from "a man named Hanmer," who loomed up from England in 1793 and returned seven years later. How this Hanmer man, an alleged proficient, received it himself, who authorized him to give it away and the precise manner in which he handed it over to his new "acquaintance," Webb, are matters from which the veil of revelation is not removed. It is sufficient for the narrator's purposes that Webb so received the degree in Albany. There is no mention of Lodge or

Chapter as a medium. Nevertheless it was in this fashion, Comp. Warvelle tells us, that the subsequently famous ritualist received the degree "direct from England."

This story of Hanmer is old but Dr. Mackay, oddly enough, does not include it in his narrative of Webb's Masonic career. Be that as it may, one is forced to express astonishment that this expert "direct from England" should have discovered the future ritual reformer who was then but a young Mason quietly conducting his business in Albany, and imparted to him the knowledge of the Royal Arch. That Webb should accept it in this left-handed manner when there was abundant opportunity for obtaining it legitimately, is also surprising. But Hanmer apparently clung to Webb, or vice versa, and a few years later they journeyed together to Boston where they showed St. Andrew's Chapter "their manner" of putting on the M. E. M. At a R. A. convention shortly after they were both present and then—exit Hanmer.

We have overstayed our limit but trust Companion Warvelle will not interpret a seeming garrulity into a desire to be contentious. Far from us be any such intention. His very direct remarks touching our, or somebody else's, opinions had to be replied to with equal directness and we stayed right with Illinois to do so preferring that course to retiring to the protecting shelter of the "wood pile." But while defending opinions which we believe to be right, because deduced from the only testimony that, to the present, reading and enquiry have favored us with, there is no thought of being otherwise than fraternal with one for whose ability and attainments we entertain a deep respect.

It is one thing to make a declaration, it is another to back it up with documentary proof. If Companion Warvelle can exhibit a "fragment" of authentic evidence in support of his amazing statement that the U.S. "Royal Arch degree with officers as we now know them" was a *direct English importation*, we are willing to devour the very meanest kind of confection that this great pie-eating continent can produce.

"In another paper I will endeavor to show that we are now practising in the United States a closer approach to the old English work than at present obtains either in England or Canada."

With this promise of endeavour, he has aroused a spirit of keen expectancy, not only here, but abroad, and we trust that our gifted Companion will not only "show," but prove his claim. That it will create a more than mild sensation in certain quarters goes without saying, indeed his announcement of the object of "another paper" has set sage heads wagging already. Go ahead Companion, and although it will knock all our carefully thought out conclusions into a cocked hat, we will be in the front rank to tender congratulations on being sent to the top of the class for the latest valuable discovery in Masonic history.

"Let us hope then that we shall hear no more of democratic hatred of Kings and other potentates, nor of Yankee skill in framing imitation degrees so as to cast discredit on the genuine originals, and that those of the American scribes who have suffered anguish of soul because of Webb's indiscretions will now dry their tears."

Graciously condescending indeed and enough to impel those "American scribes" who have presumed to venture an opinion of their own, to submissively retire to the seclusion of the corner and blush at their own temerity.

Paterfamilias, observing that his little son possessed some pert ideas of his own and, in short, was not "following in father's footsteps," decided to administer a severe lecture. He spoke judiciously, sternly recounted the little fellow's misdeeds and dwelt on the importance of the parental rebuke. His wife sat by during the recital looking becomingly solemn.

At last the good man panted for breath, and incidentally to hear the tiny culprit's acknowledgment of error. The youngster, his face beaming with admiration, turned to his mother and said :

"Ma, isn't pa interesting?"

The forceful personality of this "singular" and talented writer does not always overshadow the great

attractiveness of his work, uncommon as it undoubtedly is. It compels admiration and the reader is fain to admit having enjoyed a half hour of genuine profit, even if the invitation to become acquainted with the writings of the late lamented Lucius Annæus Seneca may be regarded as of doubtful utility, and declined in favour of those of the noble Roman of Illinois.

“ In all thy humours, whether grave or mellow,  
Thou’rt such a touchy, testy, pleasant fellow,  
Hast so much wit and mirth, and spleen about thee,  
There is no living with thee, nor without thee.”

Monroe C. Crawford, Jonesboro, Grand High Priest.

Geo. W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

### *Indiana*

Chapters . . 114.

Members . . 12,704.

Again has Grand Secretary Prather distinguished himself in the rapid delivery line. The Sixty-third Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, on Oct. 21st, 1908, and on the 14th of the following month we are perusing the result of his handiwork.

Grand High Priest Edgar H. Bristol had prepared a good address which was introduced by a prayer from the Grand Chaplain.

Death had taken the Grand Treasurer M. E. Comp. Martin H. Rice, P.G.H.P., to whose well life a fitting tribute was paid. He published the “Masonic Advocate,” and had issued the August number on the Saturday preceding his death.

The G.H.P. appointed a successor in the interval and directed that he should be installed as Grand Treasurer in his home Chapter. So that there was a case of installation before election.

Muncie received a dispensation for a new Chapter.

A complete six months residence is required from a member of the army as well as from anybody else, and so he decided against a soldier applicant for the degrees.



He attended the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the magnificent new Masonic Temple at Indianapolis, which ceremonies occurred on Monday, May 25, 1908. "Indiana Masons will soon see completed a building whose beauty and grandeur, and whose convenience and utility as well, should make every craftsman's pulse throb with loyal satisfaction and pride."

"Not the least of the courtesies of the year have been the many invitations that personal affairs and previous engagements would not permit me to accept. For these I am grateful."

He then complained of the condition of many of the Chapters in the matter of uncollected dues and weak membership and hoped for better things.

He thought dependent membership should be adopted by Indiana, but apparently Indiana did not think with him.

He drew attention to the frequent advantage taken of an elastic regulation that permitted petitions to be acted upon without lying over for a month. This was subsequently amended.

Sympathy was expressed with General Grand High Priest Dyas whose absence from the Convocation was occasioned by the serious illness of a son.

A rosy report was that of the Grand Secretary.

"There seems to be no decrease in the zeal and activity of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. Panics, hard times nor politics seem to interfere to any material extent with the work or advancement of our Subordinate Chapters. The increase for the past year is greater than the year previous, the exaltations for the year being eleven hundred and forty (1,140), the net increase in membership eight hundred and eleven (811), giving us at this time a membership of nearly thirteen thousand."

The Grand Inspector's report indicated that in some cases inspection was necessary.

From the General Grand Chapter came the announcement that a new Grand Chapter has been formed in the State of Idaho, and was entitled to full recognition. A resolution to that effect was adopted.



M. E. Companion Simeon S. Johnson is, as formerly, the courteous Correspondent and in the course of his labors reviewed Canada for 1908. We were about to comment on some puzzling paragraphs in the report which was plainly mixed, when a line at the close caught our eye and explained everything. He has our sympathy, and with it the hope that the affliction is only temporary.

"The labor of preparing the same has been difficult, as the writer's vision is very much impaired by cataract over each eye."

The report, nevertheless, is good reading for his Companions.

Robert M.H. Britton, Terre Haute, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

### ***Indian Territory***

Chapters. . 57.

Members . . 2705.

Robert Y. Morrison, M.E. Grand High Priest, an ardent worker in the quarries and an esteemed citizen of Atoka, is, it appears, a native of Canada. His portrait adorns the volume of proceedings, and, of course, indicates the beneficial effects of a well-trained youth.

"He was born in Wellington county, Ontario, Canada, April 20th, 1868, where he lived until after he had attained to man's estate, when he took up his abode under the fostering care of the Stars and Stripes.

He was educated in the Mount Forest University in Ontario and followed the vocation of a school teacher for a few years, after which he entered the railway service in the capacity of telegraph operator and clerk, which he followed until he took up the business of merchandising, in which he is still engaged."

And to this worthy Companion and distinguished graduate of "Mount Forest University" was given the honour of presiding over the Nineteenth Annual Convocation held in the Masonic Hall, McAlester, on the 21st April, 1908, and he welcomed the Royal Craftsmen to "the first Grand Convocation ever held in the new State of Oklahoma, the glorious Forty-sixth Star."

It was in McAlester that Grand Chapter was organized, and glancing retrospectively at its history he noted that but three of the original assembly were present on this occasion, one of them being the venerable and respected Grand Secretary Murrow.

In the preceding year five new Chapters were instituted, and a healthy increase in membership was reported.

He refused a dispensation to ballot out of time upon the petition of a candidate who, it was explained, was a contractor, and never more than two or three months in any one place, adding, "He could be of little benefit to any Chapter under these circumstances."

He may have acted with judgment in declining to grant the application, but his remarks thereon were, to say the least, superfluous.

The G.H.P. advised stringent measures with Companions who disregarded their Chapter summons without cause. This is a Masonic offence in the Indian country.

The claims of the Masonic Home at Atoka he urged upon the Convocation. It costs approximately four hundred dollars per month for its maintenance, the city of Atoka furnishing free rent, free tuition and free water. Nearly forty orphan children are cared for.

Grand Secretary Murrow's report was a reflex of that good Companion.

"The past year has been good. Of course there have been some clouds in our sky and some discouragements in growth and work, but I am an optimist, brethren, and prefer to look on the bright side always."

"I have not urged the Chapters to make returns and pay dues as persistently as has been my wont and I regret to say that some have not treated this old Grand Secretary—and worse, the Grand Chapter—as justly as the law requires."

Past Grand High Priest Charles D. Belden of Arizona was introduced to Grand Chapter and received with much pleasure. Companion Belden has made his home in Oklahoma and has affiliated.

An old time writer himself, Comp. Belden addressed Grand Chapter on the value of the reports on Correspondence, "and forcibly presented the labour and care required to write these reports. He vividly portrayed their value and urged all Masons to read them carefully and they would find much pleasure and profit from the reading."

The Jurisprudence Committee disapproved of a decision of the Grand High Priest, which held that a Companion could be elected to the chief office in his Chapter without having served in either of the lower chairs, on the ground that it was a violation of a law passed ten years previously. A little hitch like that, however, didn't worry Grand Chapter, and the G.H.P.'s ruling was sustained. Further, a by-law was adopted to the effect that "any Companion, a member of a chapter, is eligible to the office of High Priest."

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed to change the name of Grand Chapter from "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indian Territory" to "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma."

Companion Murrow contributes the review of the Grand Chapters and covers a lot of ground. He had Canada's jubilee volume under inspection, as well as that of the preceding year, and quotes freely. He adheres to the term "Knights Templar" as a plural, and wields aloft "the old Harvey English Grammar" in support. We are quite willing to let him have it, but must be permitted to heave a sigh over the host of writers, historians and others, who in their role of "educator," have been so sadly misinformed on that matter. Only a short few months ago we gazed with interest upon the teeming shelves of the historic library at Abbotsford, and now we pause to contemplate what a grave error the possession of a "Harvey" would have saved Scotland's famous novelist.

He characterizes M.E. Comp J. Ross Robertson's historical address as the most valuable feature of the semi-centennial celebration.

" If this address could be placed in the hands of our entire brotherhood its effect would be for the general uplift of the Craft."

The review throughout reveals his kindly disposition and one ceases to wonder at the deep affection entertained for Comp. Murrow by his Companions of Oklahoma. May he long be spared to them.

Daniel M. Hailey, McAlester, Grand High Priest.

Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

### **Iowa**

Chapters .. 127.

Members .. 10569.

On the 3rd October, 1907, and in the Chapter Hall at Fort Dodge, the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form by Comp. W. H. Hart, M.E. Grand High Priest. The local Companions welcomed Grand Chapter, and their spokesman " let himself loose" for the occasion, as " he spoke of the antiquities, the rise and growth of Masonry throughout the entire world." Happy Fort Dodge !

An ornate and lengthy address was prepared and delivered by the good-looking Grand High Priest. His portrait, it should be explained, accompanies the volume, also an interesting biography by the author of the Correspondence report. The latter informs us that Iowa's ruler is " a much favored mortal, with many things to be thankful for."

Having paid tribute to the memory of the departed after the customary fashion, he commended the Grand Representative system, referring to it as " an honor too lightly considered," and in the matter of appeals for rulings he rebuked those officers who preferred writing to the Grand High Priest rather than take the trouble to " dig among the rubbish."

Touching the ritual, a Committee had been authorized to get up something tasty, and had actually laboured for many weeks, bringing the work almost to completion

when somebody suggested the advisability of giving the General Grand's latest production a chance, and there-upon the work on the home article ceased. In Grand Chapter it was made clear that there was a strong sentiment in favour of the old work, and the Committee was continued with instructions to report next year. Hard on the uniformity advocates.

Dispensation for a new Chapter at Mechanicsville was issued. There was already an inactive one in the neighbourhood, but the G. H. P. thought that the application of a "counter irritant" would have a good all round effect, and this notwithstanding the surrender of a charter a month or two previously, at Monticello, where the desire of the thirty-one Companions to abandon work was all too apparent.

The new system of inspection worked well as a whole. If nothing else, it revealed the fact that Chapter officers were using "illegitimate and unauthorized ciphers, instead of the Hindoo published by Grand Chapter."

Grand Secretary Wingate reported a net increase of three hundred and thirty-four and various other pleasant announcements, and the Committee congratulated him on the fact that no Chapter in the jurisdiction is delinquent.

M.E. Comp. W. F. Cleveland, correspondent and biographer extraordinary for Iowa, presents his sixth and very complete review of the Grand Chapters. To quote himself :

"As nothing substantial is ever secured without effort, so must we energetically delve into the records of other Grand Jurisdictions to ascertain what is being accomplished elsewhere, ever hoping to find something that may prove of value to the Royal Craft of Iowa."

That he was energetic in his delving is amply demonstrated in the truly "substantial" report presented to his Companions. Two of his valuable pages he gives to Canada for 1907. Noting the extent of territory comprised in the jurisdiction and referred to by the M.E. the Grand Z., he remarks :

" And judging from the large number of citizens from the States who have moved into Manitoba, Assiniboia, and Alberta to make their homes there, that territory is destined to become a very important part of Canada in the near future."

He did not find in his perusal of our Proceedings that any steps were taken, as recommended, to commemorate the Semi-centennial. Yet the " steps were taken," and same was duly recorded.

Canada's course with regard to the appeal for recognition from Western Australia elicits from him the following :

" The Grand Chapter of Scotland might as well take notice that there will be a limit to the course pursued by most of the Grand Chapters in refusing recognition to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and they ought to follow a straightforward course—give them their blessings and wish them God speed, and not try and hold perpetual jurisdiction over a territory that does not even belong to Scotland, the course of the Grand Chapter of England is not above censure."

Systematic Chapter inspection appeals to him in this wise, and he is surely right :

" The real benefit derived is in the Chapters getting ready for inspection, rehearsing the several parts, cleaning up the paraphernalia and the Lodge room, naturally arousing a renewed interest among the members. Yes, inspections are a splendid thing for the Chapters and ought to be inaugurated in every Grand jurisdiction throughout the land."

William H. Norris, Manchester, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

1908.

Waterloo was honored with the Fifty-fifth Annual and in the hall of Tabernacle Chapter it was opened on the 8th October, 1908, by Grand High Priest William H. Norris.

Ninety-two Chapters were represented and two only of the Grand Officers failed to answer at roll call.

The inevitable address was a step or two above the ordinary. He paid zealous attention to weak Chapters with good results, affirming his belief that neglect of



prompt dues collection and slip shod working were primarily responsible for the prevailing apathy. He is not quite as confident as many in similar positions, that the numerous applicants for admission are presenting themselves from the proper class or with the best of motives.

“ The ulterior motives that may govern under such circumstances, though positive in their deleterious effects, are not always easily detected, but on the contrary are usually carefully concealed within the postulant's own breast. I firmly believe that it is from this class that our long list of delinquents is annually recruited.”

“ Science has never yet discovered a means of wholly freeing matter from the possible ravages of parasitic attack. Even the penetrating eyes of the church have been deceived—when religion has been used as a cloak by the pedant and the Pharisee. It is not strange, therefore, that we should at times be imposed upon, when the mask is cleverly and attractively placed.”

“ Among all of the fundamental principles upon which are based the altruistic possibilities of the human soul, none, in my opinion, are more sublime or satisfying to the intelligent lover of his fellowman than the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees.”

Again the Grand Secretary reported that all Chapters had made full and complete returns, with all dues paid.

The Ritual Committee recommended the adoption of the work approved by the General Grand Chapter, and the Companions accepted its report unanimously. The place that once knew “ the pious Hindoo ” will know him no more for ever.

Western Australia and Idaho were fraternally recognized.

The outgoing Grand High Priest whose portrait graces the volume was decorated with a handsome jewel. His activity is not confined to the Royal Craft for a biographical sketch informs us that he displays much zeal in that peculiar organization which admits ladies and where they play at a kind of Masonry. This Eastern Star body, as it is called, not only finds in him a

co-laborer, but he does considerable missionary work on its behalf, and even had the temerity to invade foreign jurisdictions bearing aloft its banner and leaving behind traces of his industry.

"As Most Worthy Grand Patron he is the constitutional adviser of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and he has charge of the introduction of the Order into unoccupied territory. In this latter capacity, since his election in September of last year, he has spent much time in the Dominion of Canada, and has caused many Chapters to be organized in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec."

This is the first we have heard of M. E. Comp. Norris' pushing enthusiasm on Canadian soil and it will probably be news to certain Companions of our ken whose gratitude we venture to predict, will not be of the overwhelming variety.

Canada's fiftieth annual was kindly and very fully inspected by Companion Cleveland.

"The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was accorded fraternal recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives provided for. This was, in our opinion, a very important and sensible step for them to take, and from now on the Grand Chapters of the States will one after another fall into line in extending a long delayed recognition to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia."

The jubilee events are carefully noted by him and his tone generally is congratulatory.

"Companion J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Z., Historian of the craft of that jurisdiction, delivered a very interesting address 'On the origin of the Royal Arch degree, the history of the Provincial Grand Chapters of Canada, and of the Grand Chapter of Canada,' which was replete with interesting statistics and events that evidenced close study and careful research."

Louis Block, Davenport, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

### ***Ireland***

Chapters . . 192.

Members . . ———

The Royal Craft in the Green Isle is, as it has been from times past, distinctly conservative, and the outside world learns but little of its doings. Although

under a distinct government, as elsewhere, yet the subordinate Chapters are allied with or attached to the lodge where located, assuming the name and number of the latter. The Mark degree, although conferred under the auspices of the Chapter, is distinct, and may be applied for separately, the applicant proceeding or not as he pleases, and for this a special certificate is issued.

In the early days of Royal Arch Masonry in Ireland, the chief officer of the Chapter was the High Priest, but for many years the present system has been in vogue the ruling Council being King, High Priest and Chief Scribe. The fundamental legend of the ceremony is unlike that of any other jurisdiction, though the object to be attained is similar.

In addition to the presiding Council the officers comprise a Captain of the Host, Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Royal Arch Captain, Captains of the Vails, Treasurer, Registrar and Janitor. The similarity of the titles to those in the United States system is significant.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge are respectively the Grand King and Deputy Grand King of the Grand Chapter. That body meets four times each year in Dublin, viz., on the first Wednesday of February, May, July, and November, the Board of General Purposes meeting on the Friday preceding each quarterly Convocation.

There is also a Grand Royal Arch Committee of Inspection which assembles monthly for the purpose of vising the applications of candidates, and a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction meets six times a year.

Provincial Grand Superintendents and their deputies inspect the several districts into which the jurisdiction is divided.

The pamphlet before us shows that there are 192 Chapters on the roll, two of these being attached to army regiments, four in South Africa, two in New

Zealand, one in New South Wales, one in Ceylon, and one in Bermuda. Eight warrants were issued during the year 1907.

There are twenty-five Chapters meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, including the "Grand Master's Chapter," which keeps a paternal eye on all material brought up by the other Chapters.

On the summons for the November, 1908, stated Convocation, at which the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year took place, a resolution of Grand Chapter is reproduced as a reminder.

"That Kings of Dublin Chapters who do not attend at least two of the Stated Convocations of Grand Chapter during their year of office without a satisfactory excuse shall have their P.K. certificates suspended during the pleasure of Grand Chapter; and that the other two Principals who do not attend a similar number of meetings, or furnish a satisfactory excuse for neglecting to do so, shall be ineligible for promotion."

It is noted, too, that the selection of officers of the subordinate Chapters is not quite final in those bodies as the lists are submitted to the Grand Chapter for approval, and emphatic disapproval of all follows neglect in the payment of the periodical fees.

A list of thirty Companions is published who for non-payment of dues, were stricken from the roll.

The financial statement indicates a very healthy condition and speaks volumes for the methods and charitable practices of our Companions in that "disthressful country."

The Duke of Abercorn, M.E. Grand King.

Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

### **Kansas**

Chapters . . 88.

Members . . 7459.

The Grand Sentinel was ill, otherwise the roster was fully represented when the gavel fell at Topeka on the afternoon of the 17th February, 1908, being the Forty-third Annual Convocation.

In addition there were eleven Past Grand High Priests and representatives of thirty-six sister Grand Chapters. The latter were received in the customary manner and the compliment was acknowledged by Ohio's envoy, M.E. Comp. John C. Postlethwaite, on behalf of himself and colleagues in a graceful and appropriate speech.

Companion William Frank March, M.E. Grand High Priest, had something rosy to report of Grand Chapter's progress. Three new Chapters were instituted and one constituted. In the latter case it was reported, "The ceremony was public and was largely attended."

Why in the name of decency, our ceremonies are to be unveiled to the public is difficult of comprehension. The gratification of outside curiosity can only excite a feeling of levity in those who are ignorant of the inner meaning of the rite.

On the invitation of several of the Chapters, he visited them, saw good work, and had a good time.

The dependent membership law furnished him with something to think about. A Chapter in submitting its annual report deducted from its roll eight Companions, previously carried as members, reporting them as "suspended on account of non-affiliation in lodge," indicating as periods for such suspensions various dates running back from one to eleven years, and claiming accordingly in settlement, rebate for overpaid Grand Chapter dues aggregating some twenty-seven dollars.

It appears the Chapter made little examination in each case, and failed to notify the Companions affected and it was ordered to reinstate them pending a further interpretation of the law.

"This law of dependent membership is of such recent adoption in Masonic bodies that it ought not to be strictly construed, nor enforced, without notice, against a member who ignorantly is violating it."

Later the Jurisprudence Committee submitted a clearer definition of the regulation which will have the effect of avoiding similar complications in future.



For the eighth consecutive year the Grand Secretary was enabled to announce the receipt of annual reports and dues from all Chapters on the rolls, and the net increase in membership, viz., 481, broke the record. Well, Grand Secretary Shaver's final year as such does him credit. Why he quits the office the record does not say, but we opine that Kansas loses a valued officer.

To the sick Grand Sentinel a Committee of Grand Chapter was sent with kind words of sympathy from the assembled Companions. They brought with them something further, viz., a purse of two hundred dollars, "in token of their high appreciation and esteem for him." Somewhere up above, at the same time, an entry was made in the everlasting record and the Angel of Mercy smiled approval.

It is a pity that "memory" failed the "Committee on Necrology" in trying to recall that delicious moment, when

"Under the frescoed dome of a beautiful temple of music we sat, surrounded by beauty and refinement. The lights were low and the last note of the orchestra had died away in the echoes of the temple, the while there was a hush fell over the vast audience, like the quiet of an autumn evening in some peaceful country place when the sun has set and the breeze has gone to rest. Out of the stillness came the clear tones of the magnificent tenor, singing that gem of opera,

"But Memory is the only friend, that grief can call its own."

Very pretty indeed, only it could hardly be the *refrain* of the fine old song that broke the stillness on that delightful occasion, nor has that "gem of opera" in our recollection ever been assigned to the tenor. But then such little breaks will happen, especially when one is "surrounded by beauty and refinement," or with "heart bowed down," is engaged in penning a sad record.

"We are closing our eighth and last Correspondence Report in this field of labor. The Grand High Priest very kindly reappointed us chairman of the committee, but we were compelled to ask to be relieved, as we do not anticipate we will be in a position at the close of this year where we can find the time to devote to this work."



And except a passing hint, that is all we have of our good Companion W. M. Shaver's intention to relinquish the quill. He briefly reviews thirty-eight Grand Chapters, and admits that the conditions under which the report was prepared interfered to do justice to himself or to them. Canada is not included, but the reason is obvious. However, if we are not to hear from him again, he may rest assured of our cordial good wishes for his future, wherever he may be. Kansas loses a worthy officer, and the guild an earnest, conscientious and studious reviewer. William M. Shaver leaves the arena with honor and Matthew M. Miller, P.G.H.P., reigns in his stead.

Augustus O. Wellman, Topeka, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

### ***Kentucky***

Chapters . . 93.

Members . . 6456.

The chair which for over thirty years was regularly occupied by M.E. Comp. David P. Robb, was at this Convocation vacant. In 1873 he became Grand High Priest, and was at the time of his death the third oldest Past Grand High Priest of Kentucky. For nearly forty years he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and by that body he was interred with their own special funeral honours.

Companion Henry H. Holeman, in opening the Ninetieth Annual Convocation at Louisville on the 15th October, 1907, pleaded for the brevity of his address that the time was all too limited for the "numerous and important matters" demanding the attention of Grand Chapter. He was right; they were numerous. That they were important, Kentucky may admit, but to distant readers the chronicle is of the usual stamp.

That much installed Companion, the Grand Secretary, although present as usual, did not line up for the ceremony with the other duly elected officers, but was installed in the following January in his own Chapter, by the G.H.P.

He ordered the arrest of a charter which had lain fallow for a couple of years.

Numerous applications for dispensations he regarded as indicating health and activity, adverse criticism of foreign correspondents to the contrary. Hence his defence of Kentucky's readiness to accede to requests for such at all seasons.

The Grand Secretary reported two dormant Chapters restored, and two new ones instituted, and liberal grants were made to the Old Mason's Home.

Some Chapters apparently desired to conduct matters after their own fashion and fought shy of the official visitor.

"It is the opinion of your committee, that whenever any subordinate Chapter negligently or wilfully refuses to submit itself to inspection that the Grand High Priest, upon knowledge of the fact, should demand of that Chapter that it immediately submit itself for inspection by such officer or companion as may be appointed by him for that purpose."

General Grand Scribe B. G. Witt, and Comp. Samuel K. Veach, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, were received with the Grand Honors.

The outgoing Grand High Priest was presented with an apron, jewel and Grand Chapter's thanks.

"Your reporter on Fraternal Correspondence respectfully submits his report." is Comp. W. W. Clarke's brief introduction to a bright and enjoyable review of the Grand Chapters, Canada for 1907, getting kindly notice. He says :

"We thank him for enlightening us as to the significance of 'Scribe E.' and 'Scribe N.' Query : Why not say, Excellent Zerrubbabel, Scribe Ezra, &c., instead of Z., Scribe E., &c. ? Again, whence First Principal, Second Principal, &c.?"

As we received it, so we retain it, and so will we hand it along. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be."

England, "the mither o' us a'" has from the infancy of the Royal Arch degree, used the initial letter of the

names of the three Principals. So too has Scotland. The three Principals, Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua comprise the "Grand Council," a *trio in uno* rulership, as it were, and which the old writer, Dr. Oliver, exalted in the year of "the blessed union" thus defines:

"Now these three Principals are described in the original rules of the degree (A. D. 1782) thus: 'The three Principals in Chapter assembled are to be considered conjunctly; as THE MASTER, and each severally as A MASTER.' Hence in their aggregate capacity they represent ONE PERSON only, in whom is united the different attributes of king, priest and prophet. For as there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead, so there was a trinity of offices combined in the second person when incarnate, which is clearly represented in the diagram. Now it will be observed that these Principals are three only in name, not in office. They are not 1st Z., 2nd H., 3rd J., but



"Thus it is enacted that—'no Companion shall be installed in the second chair who has not served in the third chair, nor in the first unless he has served in the second chair of a regularly constituted Chapter, for the full period from one annual election to another.'"

It should always be borne in mind that it was the great aim of Dr. Oliver's labours to identify the story and symbolism of the Royal Arch degree with the tenets of Christianity and throughout his writings this deep conviction is earnestly impressed on the reader. His deductions, however, do not appear to be accepted by modern Masonic writers.

Dr. Mackey says: "The three presiding officers in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons according to the system practised in England are called the three Principals or King, Prophet and Priest, and under the titles of Z., H., and J., represent Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua.

"The 'Grand Council' is the title given to the first three officers of a Royal Arch Chapter."

Companion Clarke is a decided acquisition to the guild, and the result of his labours must appeal to the observant Companions of Kentucky.

Geo. A. Lewis, Frankfort, Grand High Priest.

Henry V. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

### ***Louisiana***

Chapters . . 27.

Members . . 2489.

On the 4th February, 1908, the Sixty-first Annual Convocation was opened in the Masonic Temple at New Orleans by Comp. L. E. Thomas, M.E. Grand High Priest.

He was well pleased with the year's record. Progress was maintained throughout, two new Chapters were instituted, and there was no case of falling away.

In the work of renovating the Temple he superintended the refurnishing and decorating of the Grand Chapter room, which now appears in the appropriate colors of the Royal Arch degree.

Two of his dispensations were for the purpose of holding a " public " installation of officers, a freedom which, we trust, Canada will never enjoy.

He was troubled in mind over the question of permitting one substitute in the conferring of the R.A. degree, and appealed to the sage committee appointed to consider such knotty points. The Chairman's opinion that such a stretch of authority was not a violation of regulation and that it had been practised for half a century, was accepted temporarily, but the G.H.P. asked for something definite. Custom was upheld.

Grand Secretary Lambert stated that all the Chapters had made returns and paid dues, and expressed his appreciation of the good work done by the secretaries.

The Grand Lecturer was laid low with la grippe and could not complete his visitations. He was, he said, anxiously waiting for the advent of the " New Work "

from the hands of the Committee, and hoped for little or no change, as the Chapters were doing well with the old ritual and were becoming restive at the rumours of a revision. The Committee's recommendations were not revolutionary however, and were adopted.

A resolution providing for the adoption of the work of the General Grand Chapter as the work of this jurisdiction, was declared to be inexpedient.

The sum of \$150 was appropriated towards the fund for erecting a monument over the grave of the late Samuel Manning Todd, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chaplain Rev. Herman Duncan is, as formerly, the able reviewer. He had Canada for 1907 under inspection and was quick to observe the flaw in the resolution re chronic absentee Grand Representatives, a blot we are glad to inform him that was subsequently removed.

He says we erred also in our review of Louisiana by stating that a resolution to provide jewels for past rulers was offered by one of the veterans themselves, and we at once accept his statement that "not one of them would be guilty of so great an impropriety," but we beg to deny the soft impeachment. What we did say was, "one of these veterans offered an amendment which found favour in the sight of Grand Chapter." Moreover, it was the amendment that we reproduced and Louisiana's record informs us that its author was "Comp. A. C. Allen, Past Grand High Priest."

He enjoys a tilt with the Illinois reporter on the ark inscriptions, and other matters, and finally accepts that Companion's statements with regard to early official Chapter nomenclature without pausing for the submission of authentic testimony. Comp. Duncan should have placed himself in the position of the Irish prisoner who, when asked to plead, answered that he "couldn't tell whether he was guilty or innocent until he heard the evidence."

"In the further questions that divide Comp. Warvelle and ourselves we feel that we have need for some defining of terms



before we can do much serious arguing one with the other. Comp. Warvelle says that the organizers of the American system of Masonry were not manufacturers of it, seeming to confound the word "manufacturer" with the word "creator." We have used it in no such sense. By a "manufacturer" we understand one who gathers crude materials after a certain model and according to certain well-defined rules, and thereby produces a series of finished articles identical in all characteristic respects.

Comp. Warvelle tells us that in the work of Webb and associates there was "some rephrasing, some slight rearrangement of incidents, and some expansions of the original meagre rituals." Now, however the word "some" may be slurred in this declaration, we desire to say that it is but another spelling of what we term "manufacturing."

We have never dreamed of asserting that these brethren were creators of American Masonry. No man who knows anything of Masonry would so assert."

His apt and accurate distinction between "creator" and "manufacturer" is quite applicable under this discussion, and it will not be denied that the crude materials brought from the old lands in early days were refashioned by somebody, is beyond question. There is no evidence extant in England to establish at any period, the identity of the High Priest with the chief officer in the ceremony of the Royal Arch. England's legend is and always has been, based on the story of the building of the Second Temple. So also with Scotland and it is this legend that is incorporated in the United States system. Why then were the official titles of a ceremony distinct from this, made to do duty on this side of the Atlantic?

Dr. Oliver, in his "Origin of the Royal Arch," gives no hint that the High Priest was ever in the leading place until he refers to the United States. He says:

"In America, we find an essential variation from any other system of the Royal Arch. The names of the officers vary materially, as also do the ceremonies."

Apparently the "manufacturer" had improved on the work of the "creator." Referring to the Irish system, Dr. Oliver explains that the preliminary degrees of "Excellent," and "Super Excellent," are given in



lodges by a master and wardens, "and the last (R. A.) in a Chapter governed by three Principals." These Principals, as we now know them to be, are respectively King, High Priest and Chief Scribe, but what the historian omits to tell us is, that the legend of the discovery is founded on an altogether different Scriptural incident and during a previous regime.

In ante Chapter days in Ireland, when the degree with others, was conferred under the lodge warrant and even long afterwards, we find that the title "High Priest" was given to the officer presiding, consequent on the basic feature of the degree being taken from the incident mentioned in II. Chron., xxxiv; 14. This titular characteristic was distinctly Irish as gathered from old certificates, many of which were issued in America, and a number are still preserved. One of them the writer was privileged to see and peruse quite recently. It is dated 1813, the year Dr. Oliver was exalted in a Chapter presided over by Z., H., and J., and reads as follows :

"In the name of the Most Holy, Glorious and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

"We, the High Priest, Captain General, Grand Masters, etc., etc., off Lodge of Friendship, No. 484 of that Magnanimous and Invincible Order of a Royal Arch Excellent Masons' Encampment, and Grand Assembly of Knights Templars and Knights of Malta and Mediterranean Pass under the Sanction of Lodge No. 484 held in the town of Belfast in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, and on the Grand Registry of the same, do hereby Certify that the Bearer thereof, our true, trusty and well-beloved Brother, the Worshipful Sir James Saunders having duly passed the chair of the aforesaid Lodge, was Arched a Royal Arch Excellent Mason, and subsequently dubbed a Knight of that Most Noble and Right Worshipful Order of a High Knight Templar by us in a Grand Encampment, he having with much Excellent Skill, Fortitude and Valour previously withstood and resisted the various Temptations attending his Admissions and as such we recommend him.

Given under our hands and the seals of our Orders in a Grand Encampment this 6th day of September, 1813, and of Masonry 5813."

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| Signed | Chas. Davis, High Priest, H.P. | John McCray, S.G.M.      |
|        | John Glancy, C.G.              | James Hoop, J.G.M.       |
|        | John Gowden, F.G.M.            | John Patrick, Secretary. |

What a combination ! Yet this was the condition of affairs in Ireland then, and for many years previously, spite of the mandate of Grand Lodge, issued in 1786. Indeed, the Irish historian, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, says, "the only limit to the conferring of them in an Irish Lodge was the possession among its members of a brotherhood capable of working the ceremonies." Even the effort of the Grand Lodge to dis sever the Arch and chivalric degrees from the lodge, by an edict, issued in 1805, did not prove generally effective, as the foregoing document testifies.

Now, the High Priest, as stated previously, was at no period the presiding officer in the English working. He undoubtedly was in the old time Irish ceremony. But it is the English legend that was adopted when moulding the United States system, and while the shuffle effected in the presiding Council may possibly have been suggested by the much used Irish method, the thoughtful reader can come but to the one obvious conclusion, viz., that the "manufacturer" handled his material to suit existing conditions, and with little thought for the original purposes of the "creator."

We have been led to enlarge on this theme because of Companion Duncan's lamentable confession that the Illinois contentions had brought about a change of heart.

The prodigal son wrote his father :

"I got religion at camp-meeting the other day. Send me ten dollars."

But the old man replied :—"Religion is free. You got the wrong kind."

We are quite with him when he expresses "an entire willingness to acknowledge any error that can be proved," and if authentic proof is submitted that the "Royal Arch degree with officers," as now practised in the United States, was a direct English importation, as

declared by the Illinois Companion, we will abandon all claim to be an humble defender of "the throe faith" and gently murmur *mea culpa*, but not till then.

C. C. Kramer, New Iberia, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

### **Maine**

Chapters . . 59.

Members . . 8,964.

All but one of the Chapters on the roll were represented at the Eighty-third Annual Convocation held in Portland on the 5th May, 1908, and all but one of the Grand Officers were on hand to greet the delegates while thirty-four representatives of sister Grand Chapters answered to the roll call. A most creditable record and an improvement on the last.

Companion Edwin A. Porter, M. E. Grand High Priest, congratulated Grand Chapter on a net gain of 359 and universal peace. Systematic visitation contributed much to the general welfare. Six Chapters only were without the benefit of inspection and the fault did not lay at the door of the visiting officer.

Two of the Chapters failed to instal officers and he rebuked the membership for their lack of judgment when making selection.

Two petitions for new Chapters reached him, but in each case he hesitated and returned the fees with a recommendation that they apply to Grand Chapter direct. Apparently this was accepted as a symptom of "cold shoulder," for the Committee to deal with such applications had nothing before it.

Very complete and interesting reports were submitted by the visiting officers.

The Committee on History of Royal Arch Masonry, reported that no histories had been presented, and urged

that Chapters should comply with the requirements of the Grand Chapter. From this it is inferred that each Chapter is expected to possess its own historiographer.

A very full and flattering review of Canada's jubilee is included in Comp. Harris' excellent report on Correspondence and it is with regret we notice his reference to the omission of a complete "form" from the appendix which, of course, must be attributed to the binder's zeal.

"The Proceedings arrived March sixth, a 'semi-centennial' volume, adorned externally with a red and gold cover, and internally with portraits of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand First Principals and Grand Secretaries of the whole half-century, and of Comp. John Earl Halliwell, Gr. J., recently deceased. Some of the names are well known to the Masonic world, and we are all glad to see the faces that belong to them."

He makes special note of the work of the Grand Superintendents and remarks, "A sluggish Chapter seems to be a rarity in Canada."

"At the 'Jubilee' banquet, M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, the well-known Masonic historian, delivered a historical address filling twenty pages of small type; a very interesting and instructive paper, evidently prepared with painstaking thoroughness."

Commenting on our views as to the advisability of opening the Chapter prior to working in one or more of the subordinate degrees:

"As he himself implies, the Mark Master's or Most Excellent Master's lodge is a lodge in name only, and not an organization. When my Chapter wishes to confer the Mark degree, a meeting of 'Warren Chapter' is called 'to work on the Mark degree.' The Chapter is 'opened on the Mark Master's degree,' proceeds to work, and closes on that degree. It is 'Warren Chapter' that has been opened, and the records are written in the books of 'Warren Chapter.' There is no room for misunderstanding if it is remembered that, when we say 'the Chapter,' we mean the organization and not the ceremonial degree."

The distinction so clearly demonstrated above is quite understood, and the views expressed heretofore must be accepted as personal. While Canada's regulation permits the working of a preliminary degree without the previous formal opening of the Chapter,

it places itself much in the same position as Maine. Yet it is the "lodge" only that is recognized and it would be regarded as strange were it announced that "the Chapter" was being opened on an attached degree as that term is at no time dissevered from the Royal Arch. The opinion is held that the permission, referred to, has created an anomaly which could only be dispelled by the acceptance of the situation as it is in Maine. Tradition and custom, however, are too deeply rooted.

He declined, and rightly, to endorse a Kentucky doctrine that no Master Mason should ever be refused an election to a Royal Arch Chapter.

"If this were true it would be better to put the Chapter under the jurisdiction of the lodge and let one ballot cover them all; and, while we are about it, why not lump the whole Masonic business in one ballot? Would not the same style of reasoning apply to all the subsequent degrees?"

Never knew that there were subsequent Masonic degrees to the Royal Arch. There are self-attached organizations, admirable too, with ceremonies known to their memberships as degrees, but we beg leave to doubt that they are included "in the whole Masonic business." The great fault at our door, and it is growing, is, that we fail to sufficiently impress upon our Companions that what they have achieved in the Royal Arch degree is their greatest attainment in Masonry, the *ne plus ultra* of their study and labours.

We again appropriate Companion Harris' carefully compiled table of statistics which has on several occasions proved of value to those of our Companions who lean to figures, and had it but occurred to us when gazing at the Longfellow Home last May, that Portland was also the residence of another writer of our ken, we would certainly have extended our thanks in person.

Franklin R. Redlon, Portland, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.



**Maryland**

Chapters . . 22.

Members . . 2,940.

The portrait of William F. Bevan, M. E. Grand High Priest, is given with the printed proceedings of the One hundred and tenth Annual Convocation held at Baltimore on the 21st November, 1907. It impresses one as that of a Companion whose attention to duty would be his first care and it is remarkable as one of the very few now presented that lacks the all prevailing advertising button.

Our own M. E. Companion. Jno. M. Carter, G.G.T., was among the five and twenty Grand Representatives present. The Grand High Priest extended a cordial welcome, and requested them "to convey the good wishes of the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction to those of the Grand Chapters they represented, as well as a brief epitome of the proceedings of this Annual Conclave."

He also, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, installed the High Priests elect of most of the subordinate Chapters, a nice feature of Maryland which would of course be impracticable with us.

His address indicated that he had an easy year and consequently little to report. Two Past Grand High Priests had been called during his term, M. E. Comps. Daniel T. Ordeman and David C. Avery, the latter being Grand Treasurer.

Among his visitations was that to Norfolk to assist in celebrating Virginia's centennial.

The busy Grand Lecturer reported having visited all the Chapters, seeing work at each and praising what he saw.

Nothing of a startling nature was submitted and the serenity of Grand Chapter was undisturbed.

Comp. Schultz furnishes the Correspondence report, his thirty-first, and, despite the sad fact that impaired



vision compels a reader, his reviews are very complete and where the subject interests him as searching and analytical as of yore. Canada's forty-ninth Annual received his usual careful attention.

" Referring to the fact that the Chapter fee is for the Royal Arch degree in Canada, and that the preliminary degrees are considered honorary, the Grand Z. states that when a visiting Companion visits in that Jurisdiction lacking any of these subordinates, they are conferred upon him as a courtesy. We think this should be general, and have recommended it repeatedly."

He quotes the writer on several matters and favourably on his opposition to the dependent membership innovation, and under Connecticut says :

" Well, we are glad that we are not with the majority on this subject. Majorities are not always right. Being in the minority has no terrors for us, especially when we call the fact that our views upon that question are the same as those entertained by the late Companions Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, Joseph W. Fellows and Albert T. Wait, of New Hampshire, J. Q. A. Fellows, of Louisiana, James H. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and many other distinguished Companions living and dead."

The present day majority cares as little for the opinions of the departed long ago as they do for those of the sweet by-and-by. They live in the present and modernism is good enough for them. Comp. Warvelle, of Illinois, referring to Maryland's Nestor, says :

" Bro. Schultz is, without doubt, one of the highest authorities on the Cryptic Rite which this country has ever produced, but as his carefully wrought out conclusions, the result of most painstaking and critical investigations, do not meet the views of the imaginative historians, we seldom see him quoted by these writers of pseudo-history."

Just so. He's not up-to-date. To Comp. Cunningham, of Ohio, who, he declares, expressed concurrence in the view that there was nothing in the ceremony of Lodge or Chapter where a brother or Companion obligated himself to continue a member in either body, he says :

" Is there not a palpable contradiction here ? He concurs with us that there is nothing in the by-laws or regulations of

a Lodge, or Chapter, that requires a Brother to remain a member of the same, and yet favors "Dependent Membership," which *compels* a Companion to continue a member of a Lodge under forfeiture of all his Capitular rights.

It is most surprising to us that old and experienced Masons like Companions Cunningham and Barlow should favor this new fad. It originated some fifteen years ago in the fertile brain of the late Companion Wm. R. Bowen, of Nebraska. He labored for years, strenuously, to have it adopted by the General Grand Bodies, and finally succeeded in having it approved by the Grand Encampment, but the General Grand Chapter would have none of it.

From the standpoint of the modern fraternal societies of the day, the idea seemed plausible, and one after another of the Grand Chapters adopted it, and we are informed that a majority of them have done so.

We would fain hope that our venerable Companions have been drawn into the popular current unthinkingly, and upon second sober thoughts, will about face and make for the shore; upon arriving there will plant themselves firmly against all changes and innovations which would in the slightest degree curtail the inalienable rights of a Brother or Companion."

It is easier to contract a pernicious habit than it is to abandon it, and we venture the opinion that the veteran Companion's hope is, unhappily, a vain one. There is a seductiveness in innovation, as well as in other evil allurements that too often clouds the otherwise evenly balanced intellect and holds captive its possessor.

"Ah'm no feelin' juist weel, dochter," said "Andra" to the physician upon whom he had called for advice and to whom he laboriously explained his symptoms.

"What do you drink usually?" asked the doctor.

"Oh, juist whuskey."

"And how much whiskey do you drink in a day?"

"Mebbe a bottle, mebbe more."

"I suppose you smoke, too. How much tobacco do you use?"

"Full o' ma pooch ilka day. Ca' it twa oonces."

"There is just the one remedy, Andrew. You must give up tobacco and whiskey altogether.

With a hard look at his adviser, Andrew strode towards the door and was opening it when the doctor remarked:

"Hold on, Andrew, you haven't paid me for my advice."

"Ah'm no takkin it," snapped Andy as he disappeared.

Comp. Schultz has passed the eightieth milestone on his life's journey and it is hoped, though labouring under the shadow of a great affliction, that he may be spared not only to continue his bright annual contributions, but to give to his Companions the promised "experiences" and of which he this time says :

"In my last report, I expressed the hope that I might this year give my experience of many years as a correspondent, but I found to do so necessitated a greater tax upon my health and strength than I felt justified in undertaking."

Charles E. Cochrane, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

### ***Massachusetts***

Chapters . . 76.

Members . . 20,087.

The quarterly Convocations that precede the Annual in December dispose of routine business that would otherwise consume much time at the main assembly. In March the Committee reported on the address of the Grand High Priest delivered in the previous December and noting his references to Chapter funds :

"Every Chapter ought to be in a position, financially, of rendering a material service, not a charity dole, which God forbid, but a free, loving service to any Companion who through vicissitudes needs a cordial helping hand."

"We heartily approve the opinion expressed that 'the assured income of every Chapter should be sufficient to pay fixed charges without depending on fees from candidates.' The fees from candidates should be considered as incidental to the regular source of income and never reckoned a part of it.

The fixed charges are a known amount, and common business prudence would seem to indicate that a sufficient income should be provided to meet them. Anything short of this is dealing in 'futures' which may never materialize."

How many Chapters are thus placed? The eagerness to spend because the funds are reachable is oftentimes too apparent.

A Committee appointed to consider the finances of subordinate Chapters submitted a report which was adopted, the aim and object of which was to protect Chapters from themselves in the matter of funding life membership fees.

The June Convocation enjoyed a record attendance and after the banquet "E. J. Cox, Esq.", read an ably prepared paper, showing much pains and research in its preparation, entitled "Freemasonry during the Revolution." The account given of the lives and labors of those distinguished Masons who played a prominent part "in the great struggle that gave us a free and independent nation" was listened to with much pleasure by the Companions.

The post prandial exercises in September were also brightened by an address from Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., who took for the subject of his remarks incidents connected with the first landing and settlement by the Pilgrims at Provincetown and Plymouth.

The recent laying of the corner-stone of the Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which ceremonies the President of the United States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Ambassador Bryce, from the Court of St. James, were active participants, were happily referred to by the speaker.

The one hundred and ninth Annual Convocation was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1907, when after the several degrees had been illustrated by the Grand Lecturers and assistants, and

which took five hours and a half, luncheon was partaken of by the members and the workers were duly complimented.

A number of cheering reports were read at the evening session, also the several tributes to distinguished Companions whose deaths were mourned, after which Grand High Priest Harry Hunt read his address. He congratulated Grand Chapter on substantial progress.

"In my visits among the several Chapters I find it is not generally understood that there is a complete Ritual in the office of the Grand Secretary in Masonic Temple, Boston, which may be consulted at any time. It is the duty of the first three officers of a Chapter to so inform themselves in the correct work that their subordinates will value the instruction given them. A lack of knowledge and ability in the presiding officer is sure to destroy his usefulness and his Chapter will suffer accordingly. With the aid of Grand Lecturers, exemplifications, and a complete and correct Ritual which he may consult, there can be no excuse for poor and incorrect work or the use of foreign and incorrect ciphers."

No, indeed. With the correct thing to be seen for the mere calling at headquarters in Boston, any plea from the Companions at Podunk, a hundred miles away, would be weak indeed. The Grand High Priest relinquished office after twenty years continuous service, the last three of which he served in the chief position.

With his usual characteristic diligence and care, Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite again presents a most enjoyable Correspondence report, of which seven pages are devoted to Canada for 1907. His eagle eye is everywhere; nothing is missed. He quotes the writer on dependent membership, of which he does not appear to be enamoured, and pungently adds:

"The whole question of dependent membership, which has so long been discussed pro and con, has largely resolved itself in our minds to one of finance. Not infrequently it carries the impression that its enforcement lies more in the obtaining of financial dues than from any Masonic principle that might be upheld by the enforcement of the practice."

To Companion Barlow, of Connecticut, who argued against the communication of a preliminary degree



to a Royal Arch Mason from a foreign jurisdiction to permit him to visit, he rejoins :

“ It would seem from this that an English Royal Arch Mason could not enter a Connecticut Chapter as a visitor, which is not as we had supposed would be the case.”

Under Illinois he quotes in full that remarkable fulmination of Companion Warvelle, entitled “ the American Royal Arch System,” as it “ may perhaps be of most interest to our Companions.”

We have hazarded a few remarks in reply to some of those statements elsewhere, and probably Companion Waite may perhaps think them worth perusing, even if he does not consider them as worth reproducing. Dealing, however, with a territory in which the name of Thomas Smith Webb is, from old association, more or less revered, it leads one to speculate as to how that story of the “ man named Hanmer ” had been taken in Boston, especially the particularly interesting item of the famous ritualist’s “ initiation ” into Capitular Masonry. Is it to be credited that the future maker of the American Capitular system received the Royal Arch degree from the mouth of a recently arrived English immigrant when there were numerous sources from which it was to be obtained authoritatively? That such a man dropped in, like Paul Pry, there can be no doubt, but where did he hail from ; who authorized him to confer the degree upon Webb, then an obscure unknown? and where did he get it himself ? There was no Chapter in Albany for three years after the advent of this itinerant and the two, it is stated, were chief movers in it. Comp. Warvelle only tells the story, much as it has been told years ago.

Massachusetts and other jurisdictions with which Webb had intimate connection during his active life, should pause for further enquiry. If defenders of Webb are content to accept as accurate, the story that he received the degree with about the same validity that sanctioned the “ broomstick ” marriage of days gone by, they are confiding indeed. They know Webb and



his Masonic history from a certain period. They should know more, and for his Masonic reputation they ought, if possible, acquaint themselves with the antecedents and subsequent career of that meteroic "proficient" "the man named Hanmer."

That the work of "manufacture," as Comp. Duncan, of Louisiana terms it, progressed in the four years of Hanmer's sojourn in Albany, is tolerably clear from the record of St. Andrew's Chapter at Boston, which states that the pair visited in 1797 and conducted the ceremony of the Most Excellent Master "after *their* manner." Apparently Webb had all he wanted of Hanmer, for the latter disappeared shortly after and was never heard of more.

Baalis Sanford, Brockton, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

### ***Michigan***

Chapters .. 144.

Members .. 18,413.

Our kindly neighbour's Sixtieth Annual Convocation was a remarkable one from the standpoint of attendance, only one of the Chapters being unrepresented. The delegates numbered 321, including a complete list of Officers and eighteen Past Grand High Priests. Detroit, where the Convocation opened in the afternoon of the 19th May, 1908, extended a cordial welcome and an invitation to dinner.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Charles Cottrell, having expressed thanks that death had spared the ranks of the officers and veterans of Grand Chapter, stated that his good intentions with regard to visitations had been sadly interfered with by ill health and business cares.

An excellent portrait of the Companion is accompanied by a biographical sketch which tells the Capitular community that he has yet to see his fortieth year. Admitted to the Craft at an early age he appears to have

devoted himself to its pursuits with such zeal that in a Masonic life of fifteen years he has attained much distinction, including the *ultima gradis* in the Scottish Rite, but his biographer informs us that "so far he has successfully eluded the captivating wiles of the little one nick-named 'Cupid,' and remains still master of his own heart."

Had it been otherwise, it may be doubted whether ill health would have saddened his official year, and his Companions continue to hope that he will soon realize, with Holmes,

"One word can charm all wrongs away,—  
The sacred name of wife."

We had been under the impression that Michigan had abandoned frivolity and that the Royal Craft in that enlightened jurisdiction was regarded as a cut above the "nobility's" revels, but here is the G. H. P's. own deliverance :

"Some of the Chapters are apt to allow the ceremonies of conferring the capitular degrees to be diverted into an undignified farce, oftentimes subjecting the candidates to ordeals that leave an impression adverse to our teachings. Such practices detract from the beautiful lessons of our order and should cease."

Three new Chapters were applied for, to two of which dispensations were issued. The other he held over.

He decided that nine Royal Arch Masons must be present when conferring the subordinate degrees "as it is a Chapter that is doing the work."

Basing his views of the matter on the General Grand's dicta he decided that the courtesy title of the chief officer of a subordinate Chapter is "Excellent," and not "Most Excellent," as in use in many Chapters.

He directed attention to the matter of revenue, now that the income from certain property has ceased.

"We shall be forced to adopt one of two alternatives. Either raise the dues or confine the payment of mileage and per diem to one representative from each Chapter in lieu of two."

The latter proposition was discussed later and finally tabled. He paid deserved tribute to the zeal and labours of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer.

Past Grand High Priest McCurdy, affectionately known throughout the jurisdiction as "Our Hugh," wrote a letter of regret for his absence and pleading continued ill health. A sympathetic telegram in reply was at once despatched.

With the Grand Secretary's exhaustive report is given a fine group picture of the year's officers.

Grand Lecturer Maynard made forty-seven official visits and the narration of his experiences in connection therewith makes pleasant reading.

Comp. Charles A. Conover introduces his sixth able report on Correspondence with an extract from a Masonic journal dealing with the value of such reports as educational mediums. The author instances the case of a distinguished Louisiana Companion.

"He states that it was from a reading of the reports of his own Grand Lodge that he first learned the alphabet of the philosophy of Freemasonry, and came to know what the Institution is. He says that it was not until he went to the Grand Lodge and began to read the reports that he awoke to the profound philosophy of the Mysteries unfolded by the Ritual and was led on to admiration and study of the wonders of Symbolism."

Canada for 1907-8 is exhaustively treated in this report and his quotations are numerous. To our jubilee proceedings he is more than generous and his flattering remarks of our semi-centennial production are pardonably reproduced.

"A splendid volume commemorating the semi-centennial anniversary of the Grand Chapter comes to hand just at the close of the review and the temptation is too great to lay it aside until next year. The cover is red, beautifully illuminated in gold, black and embossing of excellent design. A grouped portrait of the Grand Officers for the year forms the frontispiece. Throughout, it is a most intensely interesting volume, well written, well arranged, and well printed, a very decided improvement on its predecessors from an artistic standpoint. Its portraits and history make it worthy of a place in any library."

The review throughout exhibits painstaking care, and when Michigan improves its methods with regard to revenue it may then be in order to give justice some consideration and make the hire worthy of the worthy laborer.

E. Earl Brackett, Petosky, Grand High Priest.

Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

### ***Minnesota***

Chapters . . 68.

Members . . 6,988.

The familiar and well loved figure of M. E. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, whose death in June, 1907, occasioned no little sadness to the fraternity in Minnesota, was sorely missed at the Forty-sixth Annual Convocation at St. Paul on the 8th October, 1907. The deceased Companion who presided over Grand Chapter in 1879, had been Grand Secretary of the several Grand Bodies and was Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Feeling reference to the dead was made by the Grand High Priest and the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial tribute. M. E. Comp. John Fishel, who was appointed in the interval was confirmed in the position of Grand Secretary.

Apart from the cloud occasioned by the Grand Secretary's death, there was little to ruffle the general calm of M. E. Comp. William Todd's year as Grand High Priest.

He issued authority for the institution of three new Chapters and the decisions asked for were not of a worrying nature. He visited four Chapters, including his own.

The General Grand High Priest visited St. Paul in July and Grand Chapter dined him and somebody else auto'd him. The distinguished guest was pleased.

He recommended a Committee to advise on a Semi-centennial celebration in 1909. Virginia was celebrating its hundredth that day and he suggested a telegram of congratulation, which was duly despatched.

A letter of sympathy in connection with Comp. Montgomery's death was received by him from Grand Scribe E. Braim, of Melbourne, Australia.

He remarked on the numerous important engagements elsewhere of the Companions when exemplification of the degrees came on at the close of Grand Chapter and recommended that the closing ceremony be deferred until that work was completed. Grand Chapter, however, failed to see it in that way. Later the Royal Arch degree was witnessed by "a large attendance."

Comp. Irving Todd's initial review is a gem in the way of precis. He has reduced the art of "boiling down" to a science, but as he has little to say himself the method, though original, verges on monotony. He had Canada for 1907 under his rapid eye, but, like the rest, it was disposed of with remarkable celerity. The author of the report could, however, do himself ample justice if he took the journey on a way freight.

Geo. N. Houghton, Minneapolis, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

### ***Mississippi***

Chapters . . 72.

Members . . 3,653.

Three new Chapters and a net gain of 377 would indicate that there is no retrogression in Mississippi. Whether the selection of the "City of Hattiesburg" for the Sixtieth Annual Convocation on the 14th February, 1908, or that the counter attractions provided by the tender saint for that particular day, were responsible, but the attendance was hardly up to the average and we can pardon Grand Secretary Speed his sarcastic references to the Grand Representative system when

he gazed upon fifteen only of that distinguished body, remarkable only for "the bother and expense" which it occasions. By the way, will that worthy officer let us know where the "expense" comes in? the bother is insignificant.

Grand High Priest J. S. Brooks was an earnest ruler though his labours were apparently light. Being "actively engaged in the practice of medicine," he couldn't visit as often as he desired.

One of his few decisions was favourable to an adaptable cork foot which will no doubt shock the upholders of perfection.

The ritual was still a bone of contention. Fault being found with the General Grand's revision; he counselled the appointment of a committee to confer with the wise men of the Upper House with a view to correcting its "manifold sins and wickednesses."

He condemned the practice of Chapters meeting in halls rented to anything and everything in the way of secret societies and where the paraphernalia was the subject of profane curiosity, if not worse. The Committee agreed with him, but expressed inability to help beyond advising the latest idea in unpickable locks.

Again the Grand Lecturer did noble work and well earned his stipend. During every month of the twelve he was on the move imparting instruction everywhere and incidentally collecting for the Home.

It was sought to reduce the annual per capita tax on the membership from one dollar and a half to one dollar, but the Finance Committee demurred and Grand Chapter sided with it.

"The Queen City of South Mississippi," to wit, Hattiesburg, was thanked cordially for favors received.

To the Correspondence chair vacated by the lamented death of Phineas M. Savery, the genial and chatty Companion, Enoch George De Lap, succeeds, and having some familiarity with the role, turns out, as all expected, a capital report.



"It is possible that there are defects in it, of various kinds, but the general perfection of the work, as a whole, will be apparent to the most obtuse, if they will only read, ponder and inwardly digest the production. It may strike some of you that there is an element of ego in the above, but you will be sadly mistaken if that is your verdict. We have made it a rule to always 'blow our own trumpet, if we don't sell a single clam,' and that is what we are doing in this case."

And as a specimen be pleased to observe his remarks on Alabama's instructions to its Jurisprudence Committee to report a version of the Lord's Prayer for the consideration of Grand Chapter.

"If you will use the prayer as recorded in Matthew VI. the 'Sermon on the Mount,' and use it in the proper spirit, you will have nothing to fear or regret. It covers all the ground and is a more comprehensive prayer than the ordinary 'Sky Pilot' thinks it is, judging from the fact that he prays (?) about everything and then adds the prayer in question, as a tail to his miserable kite! This sort of thing makes us tired."

Four pages of his initial venture he lavishes on Canada for 1907. He reproduces copious extracts and for his kindly mention we beg to express acknowledgment.

A peculiar feature of the report is his frequent references to the Grand Secretary, "Our Fred," as he dubs Comp. Speed. The latter evidently kept a close eye on De Lap for he occasionally "butts in" with a pertinent remark which appears as a footnote. Comp. De Lap had expressed concurrence with a Delaware recommendation to give Chapters the privilege of ridding themselves of delinquents by the simple process of "dropping from the roll," to which we find the following appended.

"And to which I emphatically dissent. 'If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge,' not Secretary or Committee, was the way the 'Ancient Charges of a Freemason' read. and they come within the only proper definition of what constitutes a Landmark. It is easier, of course, to throw a delinquent neck and heels out of the window, but it is not Masonic.—F. S."

Again Comp. De Lap had quoted New Brunswick on the attitude of Scotland with regard to the young

Grand Chapter of Western Australia, adding that it was one of the few things he had omitted to study and appealed to "beloved Fred." Nothing loth, Comp. Speed steps into the breach.

"The refusal of the Scottish Grand bodies to recognize the newly created Grand bodies of the colonies is an oft-told tale which scarcely repays repetition. When a sufficient number of Chapters have joined in the formation of a grand body for their own government they have reason to expect that the parent Grand body will generously and promptly grant its recognition and not delay until the logic of events compels it to do so.—F.S."

Charles H. Blum, Shelby, Grand High Priest.

Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

### ***Missouri***

Chapters .. 105.

Members .. 10,809.

"Past Grand High Priest Rev. Corona H. Briggs, who had been selected by the local Committee on Arrangements, made a brief but effective address of welcome on behalf of the Companions of Springfield, convincing all present that the efforts would be untiring to make the visit of the Grand Chapter both pleasant and profitable."

It was the Sixty-second Annual Convocation and was opened in the forenoon of the 28th April, 1908.

Grand High Priest David M. Wilson reminded his Companions that "twelve years ago this Grand Chapter was convened in this beautiful city, Queen of the Ozarks, and celebrated in the Baldwin Theater the semi-centennial of its organization."

During the year Past Grand High Priests Noah M. Gibbin and William R. Stubblefield were called away, as was also William H. Mayo, who held the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Body for twenty-six consecutive years.

Another who had passed away and who had for many years occupied a very prominent position among Mis-

souri Masons was Professor Oren Root, brother of Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, who was at the time of his death and had been for twenty-seven years Professor of Mathematics in Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. This distinguished educator and Mason was elected Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1868, and in 1872 and 1873 served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars.

For several years Missouri has been struggling for efficiency with a cipher ritual. Last year it was decided to substitute a Grand Lecturer and the Grand High Priest congratulated Grand Chapter on the result.

He authorized the starting of a Chapter at Eldon but under conditions which provided that the officers selected were conversant with their duties and able to confer all the degrees.

One of his visits was to a Chapter over which Governor Dockery keeps a watchful and paternal eye. It is in the front rank for punctuality and accuracy.

"Every member of the Chapter but four was present, and those four were kept away solely by reason of physical infirmities. After the Royal Arch Degree had been conferred, a repast partaken of, and a few speeches made, the Governor gathered together about the organ a band of young men, who, led by him, sang many of those old time melodies, the age of which only makes them dearer and sweeter."

He recommended clerical assistance in the office of the Grand Secretary which he said had become necessary with growing requirements.

Comp. Stevenson, Grand Secretary, presented an encouraging report. It is noted that the regalia man can get in his fine work in Missouri as elsewhere.

"The law as amended in 1906 provided that Monitors should also be sent to the Kings and Scribes. This part of the instruction I was unable to comply with as the Grand Chapter, had not provided them and being held by a regalia firm under a copyright I could only buy them at their figures and could not construe the appropriation as covering the expenditure."

An opportune recommendation was offered by the Committee on Chartered Chapters which might well be copied elsewhere. 

"That it be made compulsory on the part of the Secretaries to refuse petitions for the degrees, and for affiliation, when there is not given the full name, date of birth, number and location of Lodge of the petitioner ; if for affiliation, the number and location of Chapter."

In addition to furnishing a report on Correspondence, which taken as a whole is of rather exalted character, the gifted Grand Secretary, R. F. Stevenson, contributed a biographical sketch of Grand High Priest David M. Wilson, who, no doubt, is now distinctly elated with his genealogy. Having determined his subject as of Scotch origin, he ethnologically pictures the development of the Celt from an old time gentlemen named Gadhel (Gall) who, after his father-in-law, Pharoah, took that final and fatal bath in the Red Sea, hurriedly secured steerage passage for Ireland and eventually spread himself into Scotland where he became responsible for a numerous progeny which in course of time produced, with other clans, the Wilsons of that ilk.

"The group of Wilsons presents many distinguished characters ; Alexander, a Scotch-American ornithologist ; a weaver<sup>s</sup> using the pen in lampoon in a dispute between the weaver and manufacturers ; was imprisoned for the offense and in 1794<sup>4</sup> emigrated to the States ; the author of American Ornithology ; Sir Daniel, a Scottish-Canadian educator and archaeologist ; president of Toronto University ; James, signer of the Declaration of Independence and an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court ; James Grant, historical writer and editor of biography for Appleton's Encyclopedia ; Sir James Erasmus, physician and dermatologist ; founder of the chair in the London College of Surgeons ; John, whose pseudonym was Christopher North ; essayist, poet and novelist ; professor of moral philosophy in the University of Edinburgh ; William L. and Woodrow, Virginians by birth, of Scotch lineage and who made a mark in civic life. Why multiply ? It is sufficient !"

Rather. Just the same, the above is a notable collection for any proud Wilson to gaze upon. Scotch too, and it is presumed that Stevenson claims "Caledonia stern and wild" as did his illustrious namesake. But will his ethnology be at fault should he ever encounter the great Smith family ? He has a strong

leaning to the "ologies" and their exponents. Within our ken there is no one comparable, past or present, if we accept that "powerfullest praycher" immortalized in song and known to the lyric world as "Father O'Flynn."

" Down from mythology  
Into thayology,  
Throth an' conchology if he'd the call."

His review of the Grand Chapters is no cursory one and in its make-up and presentation reveals much studious care, and rare ability. Under Canada for 1907 he expresses doubt of the general excellence of the ritualistic working of the Chapters as reported by the Grand Superintendents.

" The reports from the Superintendents of the eighteen districts and one unattached are generally so flattering that we have been led to question their own capability as to the Ritual. Such work as is described would be unprecedented in the older jurisdictions of the States, and we would have to be shown in order to be entirely credulous."

We can only conclude that the scepticism displayed in the above is the result of environment. May we, too, be permitted to quote Philip. "Come and see," and if there should be favorable response, Comp. Stevenson is assured that there is a leaven of the Celt in Canada to insure him a *cead mile failte*.

Under Wisconsin we observe the following :

" The strong Temperance proclivity expressed by the Canada reviewer led him to remark that when the shutting out from Masonry of the drunkard-maker lowers the standard, disrupts the society or hinders one good man from seeking its elevating influence, let him be shown and he 'will consider the propriety of coming over to Milwaukee and drown our sorrows in the fluid that made her famous.' "

Companion Swain responds :

' Well, he couldn't do it if he tried. A person never gets drunk on Milwaukee beer.'

This would imply that one must be drunk to drown sorrow, and is a reasonably safe proposition in intimating that Companion Bennett would not imbibe a sufficiency of the fluid to make drunk come."



"The witches of the print shop" must have enjoyed a spasm of industry when the above was in review and the Canada man promptly puts in a plea of not guilty. He has no recollection of expressing "a strong temperance proclivity," in the words quoted, as he holds with other writers that the liquor man is among the least of the host of objectionables who should be pilloried by the goody goodies within the Craft.

Alf. H. White, St. Louis, Grand High Priest.

Robt. F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

### ***Nebraska***

Chapters . . 56.

Members . . 3,916.

As is customary, a finely executed portrait of the Grand High Priest, accompanies the printed record of the proceedings of the Forty-first Annual Convocation held in Omaha on the 11th December, 1907. This time it is M. E. Comp. Robert W. McGinnis who told his Companions :

"On April 1st, 1866, I first saw the light of day. It can readily be seen that the difference between the age of the Grand Chapter and myself is less than one year."

He paid tribute to that veteran Companion and art lover, Past Grand High Priest George W. Lininger, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, who died June 8, 1907. The volume includes a fine portrait of the deceased.

His official acts during the year were not numerous. With the new code of law supplied to all the chartered Chapters, there was but little occasion for them to stray away from the beaten path or to ask for interpretations of law.

He was asked whether a bookkeeper in a brewery could serve as a secretary of a Chapter and curiously enough referred the enquiring one to the law of the Grand Lodge.

He visited frequently and issued his authority for the starting of a new Chapter at Alma.



The Masonic Home with its 27 inmates he commended to his Companions. Out of a total of 359 shares of stock issued the Grand Chapter owns 40.

The Grand Secretary recommended that the annual dues be 50 instead of 75 cents. The sum of three dollars is paid into Grand Chapter for each Companion exalted.

The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognised.

An amendment to the law, providing that in the absence of the three principal officers a Past High Priest of the Chapter may preside and conduct the business, was disapproved.

Again M. E. Comp. Phelps is the author of the Correspondence report and the review throughout is characteristically good. He inspected Canada for 1907 and pronounced upon it with approval.

Chas. W. Kaley, Red Cloud, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

## ***Nevada***

Chapters .. 8.

Members .. 373.

Illness prevented the worthy Grand Secretary Noteware from filling his accustomed position when the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation assembled at Reno on the 8th of June, 1908. He sent a report a closing paragraph of which reads :

“ The concluding words, Companions, of my record of the year's transactions, go to you from the sick-room, but the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth has lifted up my hands by a renewal of strength, and I am assured yet many days of service.”

 And like good Companions they increased his salary, re-elected him by unanimous vote and sent him a telegram of fraternal sympathy.

Grand High Priest William L. Cox furnished a brief record of his year's doings. He made one visit to an outside Chapter.

"I officially constituted the Chapter at Goldfield, Nevada, under the name of Goldfield Chapter, No. 10, and installed their officers. After the ceremonies, which were public, a most elaborate entertainment was provided, two floors of a large building being used to accommodate the invited guests. Exceptionally rich gifts were presented to participants in games, dancing was indulged in and elaborate refreshments were served. The new Chapter started its official existence with great pomp and splendor."

A great "splurge" to which there is a sequel. "Rich gifts," "elaborate refreshments," and the "pomp and splendour" of the *tout ensemble* have to be paid for. Immediately thereafter he reports :

"Certain financial irregularities exist in Goldfield Chapter, No. 10, which need investigation. I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the affairs."

The Grand Secretary has also something to say of the condition of affairs.

"This office has received several inquiries regarding the non-payment by Goldfield Chapter for their paraphernalia, amounting to \$814.92. This is a large amount for a new Chapter to owe, and ought to be investigated."

A "public" installation must needs have the public to witness the "doings," and the public is not likely to be interested if not entertained with that degree of hospitality that will induce the public to talk. Well, Goldfield may climb out of its eight hundred dollar hole, but its first experience of public installations is not calculated to launch it on a second venture.

The same Chapter had a Scotch visiting Companion who did not have the U.S. preliminary degrees, and they asked advice of the G. H. P. who referred the Companions to the General Grand Chapter Regulations, with the additional opinion that a fee might be charged sufficient to cover the expense of the Convocation called for the purpose.

The traditional caution popularly ascribed to the wanderer from the land o' cakes will probably suggest hesitation until the Goldfields can accommodate the visitor at an ordinary Convocation.

" Being unable to prevail upon any one to accept the position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and my duties being such that I could not possibly devote the time necessary for preparing such report, no correspondence report will be furnished for the proceedings of the Grand Chapter this year."

An appropriation for the onerous duty was approved and Comp. A. D. Bird is the chairman of a Committee of which the former reporter, Comp. E. D. Vanderlieth is, we are glad to see, a member.

Pearis B. Ellis, Carson City, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

### ***New Brunswick***

Chapters . . 8.

Members . . 618.

A good Companion was taken when death summoned Past Grand High Priest Alexander Burchill in the October preceding the Annual Convocation, held at Saint John, on August 28th, 1907.

" Companion Burchill was born in Ireland, and came to this Province in the year 1832, at the age of thirteen. He ultimately settled at Fredericton, retired from business in 1883, and was appointed Superintendent of the Water Works of that city, which position he held at the time of his death. He was courteous in his demeanor toward every one, honorable in his dealings, and highly esteemed as a citizen. At the time of the institution of our Grand Chapter in 1887, he was First Principal of Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, then No. 77 Scottish Registry ; was one of the signers of the Circular Notice calling the Preliminary Convention, and subsequently one of the Committee appointed to frame our present Constitution. Companion Burchill is recorded as being present at every Convocation of Grand Chapter after its organization, and was elected Grand High Priest in 1901."

M. E. Comp. W. B. Wallace, Grand High Priest welcomed the Companions to the Twentieth Annual

Convocation and announced that this year had outstripped all its predecessors, the increase in membership being about six times greater than in any previous year of Grand Chapter history.

In the previous November he attended the centennial celebration of Carleton Chapter No. 1, which was a most successful affair and at which he delivered a very interesting historical address which is given in full, as an appendix, at the close of the proceedings.

The Chapter was organized on the 9th January, 1805, and selected the officers.

"After organizing they sent a minute of what had been done to R.W. General Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons at Halifax, and on the 18th of March, 1805, a letter was received by them from Brother John Bremner, of Halifax, acknowledging receipt of their papers, in which he says: 'I have great hope that the Ancient Craft will yet flourish in the wilds of this extensive country and effulge its benign influence to ages yet to come.' Brother Bremner also informed them that all Royal Arch Chapters met on Wednesday in the week, and it is a matter of comment that for one hundred years Carleton Chapter obeyed this injunction and held its regular meetings on that day."

They made by-laws for their government, one of which was: That every brother admitted should pay eight dollars "to the Box" and one dollar to the Tyler.

From this expression the G. H. P. opines that it was a wooden receptacle with a long handle, passed round for the collection of dues. In old lodge minutes in this section of the country the term "the box" is of frequent occurrence and it was taken to mean the box that held not only the cash, but articles of value, the property of the lodge and which was in the custody of the treasurer.

In 1806 they discussed the probabilities of a Grand Chapter for themselves, and one of their number, then in England, was deputed to make enquiry. England apparently was deaf to their aspirations for after many years a resolution was passed in 1820 to apply for an independent warrant to some Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Great Britain. Accordingly a warrant was received

from Scotland on the 17th of April, 1822, and on the 8th of July next it is recorded, that Carleton Chapter, formerly under warrants of St. John and Union Lodges, "closed without date."

In September, 1822, work was resumed under the new authority which authorized the working of the Excellent, Super-Excellent and Holy Royal Arch degrees, the following being its first three officers:

"William Charlton, M.E. Zerobabel; Nehemiah Merritt M.E. Haggai; Robert Robertson, M.E. Joshua."

"On the 15th of May, 1823, the Mark Master's Degree was conferred in a Mark Master's Lodge opened within the Chapter, they then being under their Scotch warrant."

A Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia formed in 1825, claimed New Brunswick in its territory, and considerable friction ensued, appeals to Scotland remaining unheeded. There was a decline in interest and a period of dormancy followed, but from 1842 onward matters revived. In 1887 the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was organized and with its birth it was thought expedient to adopt the U. S. system of working.

At the celebration the historic silver candelabra of the Chapter and a brass jewel, received from the Grand Chapter of Scotland in 1822, were exhibited, together with a silver Mark jewel of one of its members in 1815, and a copy of its "bye-laws," printed in 1824.

The Grand High Priest visited five of the eight Chapters and imbued them with some of his enthusiasm. He thought that the permission to confer all the degrees at one Convocation was an encouragement to "rushing" candidates through. He asked for consideration of the matter.

During his year he made overtures to Scotland to the end that there might be an interchange of representatives. A visit to Edinburgh by M. E. Comp. J. V. Ellis, assisted to improve negotiations and the prospects are now bright.

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The several reports indicated rude health in the jurisdiction generally with an outlook most encouraging. There is no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Andrew McNichol, St. John, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

### ***New Hampshire***

Chapters . . 26.

Members . . 3,906.

Mount Hayes Chapter, No. 27, was constituted at Berlin, Oct. 18, 1906, an exemplification of the degrees was given at Manchester on Nov. 13, 1906, and the centennial celebrations of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 1, and Trinity Chapter, No. 2, were held on January 7 and April 9, 1907, respectively. For all these Special Convocations of Grand Chapter were convened and each occasion was made interesting.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation at Concord on May 14th, 1907, was presided over by Comp. William W. Oliver, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Among those "who were and are not" to whom he feelingly referred, was Past Grand High Priest Albert Scripture Wait, whose lamented death we noted in a former report.

"As a profound student of law, Mr. Wait earned a world-wide reputation, and he possessed a fine literary and scientific taste, which he gratified by the collection of a well-selected library. For several years he was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter, Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery, and was regarded as an authority on Masonic law in New England."

The work of visitation was dutifully attended to by the Grand High Priest and his colleagues and the narration of the tour, with a little mention of the outing to the General Grand triennial, constitutes the major portion of his record for the year. The Convocation was without special feature for mention.

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Rev. Companion Josiah L. Seward presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and a voluminous one it was, being in many cases for two years and embracing over 300 pages. That he faithfully performed his ponderous duty goes without saying and that a perusal of the report demonstrates New Hampshire's ability to be again in the van of reviewers is as gratifying to the outside reader as it must be to Comp. Seward's constituency.

A kindly review of Canada's proceedings for 1906-7 is included. Under England he says :

"In England the dependencies of the British crown, the presiding officer in a Royal Arch Chapter is the King, representing Zerubbabel, and not the High Priest, as in this country."

Yet that title is never applied to Zerubbabel in any portion of the Chapter working. As a Prince of the House of Judah, he bears a symbol significant of his royal connection and his robe is also emblematical of the regal dignity. Nothing further.

He sounds a startling note of warning under New Jersey in the matter of documentary avouchment which Companions would do well to ponder.

"Several singular experiences, which cannot be reported in print, which have come within the range of our own experience in the last two years, as a committee to examine visitors to the different Masonic bodies in our city, and certain attempts made by one or two, out of several suspicious visitants, to make use of spurious documents, incline us to believe that something more than documentary proof is requisite in such cases. Clandestine Lodges and Chapters are assuming the names of genuine Lodges and Chapters. In one case we believe that we have good reasons for thinking that a diploma signed by the officers of a grand body, waiting only to receive the signatures of the local officers, had been stolen by a rascal and filled out by himself in his own behalf. At all events, such a theft is conceivable even if improbable. Too great care cannot be used."

Observing that in Australia dispensations were granted to permit the wearing of the Royal Arch apron etc., at a Masonic ball, he adds, "In our country it is not usual for Chapter Masons to wear regalia in public." In perusing the reports of Grand Chapter proceedings

we have frequently come across the application of United States Chapters for permission to conduct the ceremony of installation of officers in public. We are not aware that the practice is countenanced in New Hampshire and venture the hope that it is not, but we have never witnessed such an exhibition, and would not if we could, and may be pardoned for asking whether the High Priest and his colleagues, under such circumstances, are inducted into their respective positions without the usual accompaniments of distinctive habiliments, or whether the snowy "choker" surmounting the conventional evening "claw hammer" is accepted as sufficiently sacerdotal and regal to meet the requirements?

The report throughout is admirable for its comprehensiveness and painstaking care. It contains a store of information with much original thought, and the reasoning is maintained with fairness and courtesy. Comp. Seward is a most decided acquisition, and we beg to offer a hearty welcome from the northern zone.

William W. Oliver, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

1908.

At the Eighty-ninth Annual at Concord on the 19th May, 1908, William Wallace Oliver, Grand High Priest, presided, and narrated the events of his year in a brief address. None of his official acts are of special value to our readers.

Among those called away was Past Grand High Priest Horace Ames Brown, who held that exalted office in 1891-2. He was a citizen of some distinction, having secured the popular vote for the Legislature and was for three years Mayor of Concord.

Reports of the visiting officers speak well of the Chapters and their work, and the Committees were not troubled with anything perplexing.

[Another capital report is furnished by Comp. Rev. Dr. Seward, which contains a most generous review of Canada for 1908.

"The work of visitation of the Chapters in Canada is based upon a plan which has been frequently highly commended by the different reviewers. The jurisdiction is divided into eighteen districts, some of which are quite large."

"With all its many praises, the committee could not refrain from an expression of regret that the Superintendents had generally neglected to call schools of instruction."

The historical address of M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson he praises highly, and gives many extracts from it.

"It was a remarkable production, a veritable encyclopedia of Masonic, especially Capitular, facts. The writer has, for many years, been engaged upon historical work, requiring much original labor and research. He, therefore, appreciates more fully than many can how much time and labor have been expended by Companion Robertson, as well as of money, in the preparation of such an address, not to speak of the still more considerable works which he has published upon Masonic subjects. It would be impossible to give a just abstract of this paper. It was not an oration intended for rhetorical effects. He had a more serious and important purpose to serve. He has boiled his thoughts down to the fewest words which he could use and retain the connection of the ideas. To report such an address properly would mean hardly less than a reproduction. We must select only what seem to us the leading thoughts. Nor should we do this, if the address were of the ordinary type of addresses given upon such occasions; but this paper may be called "one out of a thousand."

To the extent of several pages he comments on the numerous passages he culls for his readers' benefit and which he says justifies all the space which he had given. He has, too, an appreciative word for the volume itself, its contents and general make up, typographical and otherwise.

"The cover of the "Proceedings" is very beautiful and the printing and mechanical execution of the volume are superb. The list of the grand officers, from the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1857, is complete and admirably arranged."

Companion Seward has in both his reports grasped the idea of the true reviewer, an all-embracing inspection. What he himself says on topical matters he says well,

and without revealing any desire to push his own identity to the front. Gladly would we reproduce some of his views so well presented, but that our report as a whole was so far advanced towards completion when these "proceedings" reached us.

Chas. H. Sinclair, Concord, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

### ***New Jersey***

Chapters . . 38.

Members . . 5,601.

Harmonious and uneventful was the Fifty-second Annual Convocation held at Trenton, May 13th, 1908. A gap in the ranks of the "old guard" was occasioned by the death of M. E. Comp. Anthony Schoder, who was Grand High Priest in 1897, and whose exalted virtues of an unostentatious life are enshrined in an eloquent tribute to his memory.

Visiting Grand Officers of the adjoining jurisdiction of New York were cordially welcomed.

The Companions representing sister jurisdictions were presented by M. E. Comp. I. Layton Register. They were received and an address of welcome was rendered by Comp. George C. Maddock on behalf of the Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest Jacob Kirkner's record of official duties was necessarily brief.

M. E. Comp. Haines as Grand Lecturer reported well and hopefully of the Chapters, and their efforts towards perfection, although he complained of a few which were "still reluctant to relinquish certain puerilities familiar to most of us and derogatory to the dignity which should characterize every branch and every degree of Freemasonry." He urged more systematic instruction and the holding of Chapters of Instruction in each district yearly.

The application of a number of Companions of Newark for a new Chapter was considered and refused and a Committee was appointed to revive the Boonton Chapter.

Distinctive jewels for the Grand Lecturer and his assistants were procured and a deserved honorarium was voted to the Grand Treasurer whose long service was hitherto unrecognized by substantial compensation.

From the introduction to the ever welcome and delightfully written report on Correspondence we take this passage and commend it not only to our Companions at home but to those who recklessly defend "methods of convenience" or "expediency" abroad.

"We must labor on in our speculative field, trusting that now and then a word may be rightly spoken or a wholesome thought advanced which may encourage our Companions to hold in continued veneration the old and honored traditions of our Fraternity, and to aid in checking among ourselves, at least, the tendency too commonly observed elsewhere, toward methods of mere convenience, expediency or choice, adopted in evident disregard of the highest and noblest purposes for which Masonry was designed, and the fulfillment of which is the principal object of its ministry."

We have, in a previous report, taken the opportunity to express admiration for the manner in which M. E. Comp. Haines presents his views of a question in opposition to others. His courtesy is unfailing, but never elastic enough to permit him to swerve from the path which he believes to be right. The contribution before us but emphasizes this fact and while we would prefer his own unbiased opinions throughout on matters in discussion rather than borrow peculiar phrasings and ideas from other sources, thus weakening an otherwise fair line of argument, yet we must give him all credit for clear sincerity of intention.

His review of our proceedings of 1908 is characteristically generous and reveals a more than superficial perusal. Everything worth noting is embraced in his remarks and when he is pleased he pauses to praise. Gazing upon the gallery of portraits in Canada's collection, he pays a kindly tribute.



"Very many of those who stood sponsors for the earnest endeavors which have wrought this noble work now slumber beneath the sod, revered in memory as beloved in life, and, as we gaze again and again upon the life-like reproduction of their mien, and mark the character depicted there, we are led to reflect upon the labors and the sacrifices required of those who, in a period of opposition amounting at times to persecution, upheld the standard of Freemasonry and secured to us this priceless heritage."

He lauds the work of the Grand Superintendents and remarks on their "self-sacrificing and successful endeavours." To the writer his attentions approach the flattering kind. He devotes considerable space to arguing against our expressed belief that the titular distinctions in the Chapter Council were changed by the United States modifiers of the ritual from those in use in England at and before that period and that the change was largely influenced by the conditions consequent upon the achievement of independence. That belief we still hold and it has been strengthened by the very limited exploration we were enabled to accomplish in a couple of months' sojourn last summer on the soil where the germ of the Royal Arch was originally nourished. Moreover, why should not that sentiment have actuated our Companions of old? It was most natural and instead of being decried as something to be repudiated it ought to be cherished and protected. As it was then so it is now. The Reverend Companion who has taken up New Hampshire's quill very aptly expresses himself thus in a passage with the Oregon reviewer and indirectly echoes the feeling of his brethren of the past :

"Companion Hodson will recall the fact that America has achieved considerable independency of England in the past, politically as well as Masonically. The English Grand Lodge is not the mistress of the Masonic fraternity. The Revolution put an end to English domination, whether political or Masonic."

Comp. Haines, it is noted, combats our contentions on the origin of the U. S. official nomenclature with words so like to "concurrent opinion" that it creates a suspicion of telepathy with some other centre of aspiring thought.

"The fact is, as evidences come to us, that Royal Arch Masonry was transported from England to America before it pos-



sessed any settled form or was in any sense established as a system in the former country. That it was in that day practised, although not exclusively, with the Priest as the principal officer is capable of abundant proof."

Here we have "fact" with vague hints of "evidence" and "abundant proof," not one tittle of which is produced. This is too much like trying to satisfy the hungry one with a sniff at the oven. The statement that the Royal Arch degree was practised in England, or transported from that country with the Priest as the principal officer, may be "capable of abundant proof," but in the name of all that is just, why is that proof incapable of being set forth and thus set at rest forever a disputed question ?

We have already entered the lists for a brief period with the Illinois reporter on this topic and have been rash enough to assert that from 1765 at least there was no High Priest in the van of Chapter affairs in England, and that the officers from that year to the present have always been designated as Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua. This we have established by personal examination of the records which is "abundant proof" so far as we are concerned.

The Royal Arch Masonry of colonial days and later, which furnished the High Priest as its chief, was unquestionably "transported" from Ireland. It was a ceremony of variable pattern it is true, but was based on a story altogether different from that of England or Scotland or that of the present U. S. system, each of which adopts the same legend. It was of an indeterminate character until about 1850, when the working was revised and brought into concrete form, with the King, Josiah ; High Priest, Hilkiah ; and Chief Scribe, Shaphan, as the three Principal officers. The legend, which belongs to a period prior to Zerubbabel's time and has reference to the repairing of the Temple, embraces all the lessons, aims and objects of the degree as taught by the other countries and may have been utilized in crude form as the basis of working when it was practised and conferred in America under the field warrants issued so numerous by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Chapter established in London in 1765 with officers as mentioned, became the nucleus of the Supreme Grand Chapter of 1767 under the "Moderns," and this united with the "Ancients" Grand Chapter in 1817.

W. J. Hughan, "the father of Masonic history," as Dr. Chetwode Crawley dubs him and for whom documentary testimony is the only foundation for his published utterances, says :

"Now, the singular fact is that the "Ancients" R. A. so far as we know in England and as their certificates prove (though doubtless obtained originally from Ireland by Dermott who joined the 'Ancients,' London, in 1752), had the same Chapter Principals as the 'Moderns,' and not as the Irish. It is clear, therefore, that the H.P., K., and Scribe, wherever met with in the 18th and 19th centuries, came from Ireland, *not* England and *not* Scotland. No certificate of any regular R. A. Companion issued in England has other than 'Z.,' 'H.,' and 'J.,' whether 'Moderns' or 'Ancients,' from 1765 onward. Prior to 1765 the R. A. in England appears to have been worked, as far as possible, by the W. M. and Wardens of a Craft Lodge as at Bristol in 1758."

It is to be hoped our good Companion Haines, if he does not consider the above as "abundant," will admit it is direct and from a reliable and authentic source, coming as it does from one whom he himself regards as "probably the most gifted apostle of Freemasonry in England."

Like ourselves, he had reposed faith in the much quoted Oliver, and in matters of history believed him an authority. In the course of our wanderings, however, we gathered that the researches and discoveries of more modern Masonic writers went far to show that, learned and zealous though Dr. Oliver undoubtedly was, he was innocently credulous and accepted in good faith

many statements of hearsay foundation which he confidently gave to the world as facts. Comp. Haines proceeds :

“ Not until the authorized revision of Dunckerly about 1776, which is itself characterized by the erudite Oliver as a gross innovation, was this form prescribed, even by implication, nor by express authority, until thirty years thereafter. The version of the Royal Arch Degree, partly borrowed and partly “ manufactured ” by the courtly and cultured Ramsay, modified by the less scrupulous Dermott, was the American inheritance, still remaining to us without any considerable refashioning in its leading features by Webb or his associates as has been frequently alleged.”

Now it appears that Dunckerly did *not* issue an authorized ritual about 1776, so Bro. Hughan states positively, and there is no visible trace of any such tribute to his industry. He simply used what he met with on joining and the historian further asserts that Ramsay “ never had aught to do with the degree, so far as any proof is known or ever exhibited.” Dunckerly was very active in R. A. work and started a Chapter in Portsmouth in 1769 with Z., H. and J. as Principals.

Historian Hughan is not alone in his opinion of Dr. Oliver's easy credulity. Robert F. Gould, whose “ History of Freemasonry ” is known the world over, is equally slow to accept his statements.

“ Although we all must pay deference and give honor to our Mother Country for giving definite form and authority to the ancient observances of our Fraternity, and for her continued veneration for its cherished principles, yet we do not for that reason consider ourselves bound to accept in every respect her modern conclusions drawn from the same premises presented alike to us.

If then there was no practical priority of right to the ceremonies of this degree in that formative period of its existence, nor in the usages thought best calculated to instill its valuable lessons, it may be claimed, without warranting a charge of innovation, that the choice of forms was equally open to those of either country ; and that the imputation of inconsistency should not be made against those who, following the precedents of all the centuries, place the Priest in charge of the sacred sacerdotal functions of worship. Never in the whole history of the Jewish Priesthood were the functions of the Priest, without rebuke, usurped by Royalty, which was sometimes made the slave of hierarchial domination, the experience of Azariah furnishing a good illustration.”

The line of reasoning here adopted by Comp. Haines, suspiciously resembles the tactics in which a "herring" plays the leading part and can only be excused on the assumption that he credits the Illinois statements that the High Priest was "a direct importation from England," and that "modern conclusions" are to be observed in the system now practised in that country. We have endeavoured to show that in England there exists no proof of such. None has been submitted as yet on this side to warrant any such peculiar deductions as contained in the above. True we are promised something in the future but until that is furnished the claim to "choice of forms" must be considered premature if not indiscreet.

The tabernacle of the English Royal Arch is the legendary tabernacle of Zerubbabel in connection with the building operations and where the Judean governor presided to receive reports of the working and issue instructions. The degree was designed to commemorate an important occurrence in the progress of the workmen's labours and not to perpetuate "the sacred sacerdotal functions of worship." Zerubbabel was ordained to superintend an undertaking that entailed hard work, and the employment of the common implements of labour.

The actual tabernacle was where the priestly offices were conducted, and where no doubt the governor took the humble position of worshipper and had no thought of usurping a place he was not destined for. Work and worship were distinct. The latter without the former would never have been responsible for the discovery which is the intent and object of the degree for it is not reasonably conceivable that the "sacred sacerdotal" functionary would step down from his holy office to overlook or direct a body of pick and shovel laborers engaged in excavating for a foundation.

The English plan of the Royal Arch which, from the first, gave Zerubbabel the priority of position in the labour of rebuilding the Temple, as foretold by the prophet, has

Scriptural authority, plain reason and common sense to support it, and it should not be a matter of indignant comment that the decision come to by the United States modifiers of the ritual should occasion surprise or create speculation.

Following Comp. Haines in his journeying, we again find him under Illinois using somewhat similar argument, and darkly hinting at "historic proofs" and "evidence not wanting," but where concealed he does not disclose. We can only say to him as we have said to Comp. Warvelle, that those proofs and evidence have only to be unearthed—revealed to the Masonic world—and we will cheerfully bow to the inevitable. Moreover, we can assure him that not a few well known brethren of research in the old lands will not be one whit less grateful than will the humble seeker after information in Canada who meantime fails to see why a very natural conclusion based upon known facts should occasion such singular ebullitions as are revealed in the peculiar expressions of the Illinois reporter and repeated by the good Companion Haines.

We have read with keen pleasure his thoughtful report, and but that we have lingered beyond our limit on the one subject, would have been glad to quote his thoughtful deductions on others perhaps equally important.

James S. Ware, Bridgeton, Grand High Priest.

Leonard L. Grear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

### ***New Mexico***

Chapters .. 11.

Members .. 705.

Carlsbad was honoured with the Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico in the hall of Signet Chapter on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1907, with a full representation from the Chapters. There were eight Past Grand High Priests present and as these in former years occupied the chairs of Grand



Scribe, Grand King or Deputy G. H. P., they are made to appear again under those heads and thus the list is extended to good looking proportions.

Grand High Priest Chester D. Stevens displayed commendable activity as a ruler and covered his territory with conscientious perseverance doing good missionary work among the Chapters.

One new Chapter he authorized at Artesia and it was started under fair auspices.

He denounced the rushing of candidates without "proficiency" examination.

“It is an injustice to the candidate and a disgrace to the Chapter to allow him to go away uninstructed and I would recommend that a by-law or resolution be framed making it obligatory on the High Priest of each Chapter in this jurisdiction to satisfy himself, either by personal knowledge or the vouchment of a Companion, that the candidate has committed enough of the Lecture of the Degree to enable him to visit other Chapters before conferring the next Degree on him.”

His recommendation did not, however, appeal to the Committee, who were agreed that “conditions in this Grand Jurisdiction render it impracticable.”

He thought that either the ritual or the Grand Lecturer ought to be abolished, and as the latter drew a salary he concluded he was superfluous and so recommended. The Grand Lecturer, however, is there by Constitution, but the salary not being included was wiped out, all the more that it was not earned.

The Grand Secretary recommended “that the annual Chapter dues of Chapter members be increased from fifty cents per each member to one dollar, and for every Companion, exalted one dollar, instead of three dollars as at present.” This was approved.

The Correspondence Committee was sick for a prolonged spell and there is no report. The disbursements show a hundred dollars expended for the duty, but no other Companion appears to have taken it up. Comp.



Wroth is continued as reporter, and we trust to hear from him next year. Meantime we may express the hope that affliction will be far removed from him and his in the future.

James G. Fitch, Socorro, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

### ***New South Wales***

Chapters .. 13.

During the year 1907, the Grand Committee held eleven meetings and the register of attendance showed that the president was the only one who put in an appearance at each.

At a quarterly Convocation on the 13th February, 1907, M. E. Companion S. D. Townsend delivered a brief address in which he attributed to the prevailing hot weather the paucity of official visitations, but he was able to state that the Chapters had attained a high state of efficiency. In December previously he consecrated a new Chapter at Lithgow.

On the 6th February he officially visited Leinster Marine Chapter, I. C., on the occasion of the Installation of Principals, the members present being representative of Irish, Scotch, English and local Chapters and Constitutions. He highly appreciated the opportunity afforded by the only Irish Chapter of meeting R. A. Masons of all Constitutions working in New South Wales territory.

Our antipodean Companions apparently take the Grand Representative system very seriously for much of the pamphlet we are perusing is devoted to the interchange and the acknowledgment of volumes of proceedings.

The Grand Z. at the May quarterly reported tangible progress and outlined his proposed visits.

The revised Constitution was submitted to a special Convocation in August and adopted, and at the quarterly, held later in the same month, the Grand Z. told the story of his visitations in which he was accompanied by his predecessor in office, the Second and Third Grand Principals and a number of other officers. The trip of between 2,000 and 3,000 miles occupied four days and in its course the party had to pass through the territories of two sister Grand Chapters—Victoria and South Australia, and received a fraternal welcome at Melbourne and Adelaide. It may be added that the nine Companions who comprised this travelling outfit journeyed at their own expense and the Grand Z. not inappropriately remarked in closing: "It augurs well for our future success when such interest is manifested by those in authority."

At a subsequent meeting of the Grand Committee the volume of printed proceedings of Canada for 1907 was, with others, acknowledged and M. E. Companion Donald Ross, P.G.Z., of Toronto, was recorded as the Representative of New South Wales near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

At the final Convocation of the year in November, the Grand Z. expressed thanks for his selection for a third term as Grand First Principal, and hoped to acknowledge the renewed confidence by a zealous devotion to duty.

He had consecrated a new Chapter at Goulbourn and although nothing appears as to the total number of Companions on the roll it is gathered from the address that the net gain for the year was considerably over one hundred.

"Our relationship with other Grand Chapters in various parts of the world continues to be of the most cordial nature. Of course we have the one regrettable exception, the Grand Chapter of Scotland. In this connection I trust that time will sweep away the last cloud upon our Masonic horizon."

"Scotland yet." The Grand Inspector of Workings reported favorably on the work and prosperity of the various Chapters visited.

The following resolution which was adopted will give an idea of the regard in which the representative system is held :

“ Representatives to Sister Grand Chapters may be appointed by the Grand First Principal, on the recommendation of Grand Committee. Such representatives may have conferred upon them such rank as may be deemed appropriate, which rank shall be expressed in their commissions. Representatives from Sister Grand Chapters may, on presentation of their commissions, be received at any Convocation with their respective ranks.”

It is noted that Canada's worthy representative R. E. Comp. A. T. Gribben is a vigilant attendant and was one of the party who accompanied the Grand Z. in his long tour. Congratulations are in order on being elevated from Grand Scribe N. to Grand Third Principal.

S. D. Townsend, Sydney, Grand Z.

A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

### ***New York***

Chapters .. 202.

Members .. 32,800.

The usual galaxy of distinguished visitors Most Worshipful, Most Illustrious and Most Excellent did honor to the Empire States' Grand Chapter at its One hundred and eleventh Annual Convocation at Albany, on the 4th February, 1908.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had invited the Mayor of the city to attend, but that, owing to illness, he was unable to be present, and introduced R. E. Edward B. Cantine, the Commissioner of Public Safety, representing His Honor the Mayor, and Canada's worthy representative tendered the civic welcome in a neat little speech.

Companion Dana Baldwin Pratt, M. E. Grand High Priest was not in fortune's way at the outset of his year.

Almost immediately following his return home from the Annual Convocation he was attacked by serious illness, which, resulting in a surgical operation, confined him to bed for nearly two months.

Among the deaths recorded were those of Past Grand High Priest George Van Vliet, a Masonic worker for half a century ; Herman H. Russ, Grand Treasurer for twenty-two years ; and Henry R. Clark, Grand Master of the Third Veil.

Included in the Grand High Priest's appointments is that of M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson to represent New York near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He authorized the formation of two new Chapters and refused the application for a third.

In a number of cases he availed himself of the permission given by resolution adopted by Grand Chapter in 1900, authorizing the Grand High Priest to grant permission to any Chapter to hold special convocations in any Masonic lodge-room within the jurisdiction of said Chapter, for the purpose of conferring the preliminary degrees.

A candidate who replied in the negative to the question, " Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Royal Arch Mason ?" in his petition to a Chapter for the degrees, notwithstanding his previous conviction, while an attorney-at-law, of deceit, malpractice and fraud upon a client, resulting in his disbarment therefor, was ordered to be put on trial by the G.H.P. was convicted and sentenced to expulsion. Trial was also ordered with similar result in the case of a Past High Priest and Trustee of a Chapter accused of certain irregularities.

The sentences were submitted and approved by the G.H.P., and in each case were unsuccessfully appealed against.

He was asked, "What becomes of a Companion's life membership, paid up, in a Chapter after said Chapter ceases to exist? Can he by any process be transferred to another Chapter and have his life membership continue in force?"

To which he replied, "His life membership ceases when the Chapter ceases to exist. He cannot be transferred to another Chapter and there retain life membership, as it would be unfair to compel a Chapter to receive him as a life member, being obliged to pay Grand Chapter dues on his membership, and receiving nothing in return from him.

His visits were numerous notwithstanding his early severe illness and the Companions made them very pleasant for him.

A timely tribute to a worthy Companion, the veteran Grand Secretary, is disclosed in the following :

"Just fifty years ago this Convocation, R.E. Christopher G. Fox was present in the Grand Chapter, representing Keystone Chapter, No. 163, of Buffalo, as its High Priest. For forty-one years he has faithfully served this Grand Chapter as its Secretary. I believe I am safe in venturing the assertion that he is the only Companion present to-day who was present at the Annual Convocation in 1858, fifty years ago, and I would recommend that some suitable recognition be adopted by the Grand Body fittingly to commemorate this anniversary."

At a later stage it was unanimously resolved : "That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated from the funds of Grand Chapter and presented to Companion Fox as a testimonial of regard, and appreciation of his long and faithful service.

All the reports presented revealed a high degree of efficiency and prosperity.

The Representatives of Grand Chapters present were introduced and received by the Grand High Priest, who extended an official welcome to them personally, and as connecting links in that chain of brotherhood which firmly unites the Grand Chapters throughout the world ; requested them to convey to the Grand High Priests

of their respective jurisdictions the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and with the hope that existing friendly relations might continue indefinitely.

Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered an eloquent, instructive and entertaining address on the subject of the Royal Arch Degree.

Companion Ten Eyck, who is making a collection of Mark pennies, gives a list of contributions for the year previous in which are included several from Chapters in Canada and also Ontario. Where does the distinction come in ?

Companion Marvin I. Greenwood's report on Correspondence is of the orthodox pattern and is a careful epitome of the doings of each Grand Chapter in brief form. Discussing Canada for 1907, he expresses hearty agreement with the Grand Z's pronouncement on the annual "re-union" idea adopted by some Chapters.

To the Executive Committee's optimistic utterances with regard to Canada's future—"Which seems to be a prophecy that ere long we shall have a new nation on the north of us, and here is hoping that it will be realized."

However, that there is still a deference to the wishes of the "mother country" is evidenced by the fact that action upon request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was deferred until another year.

Except in the matter of catching fleas it is not wisdom to display eager hurry, and even in the case referred to, we have, it seems, moved with more alacrity than a number of our worthy neighbors who are not affected by filial considerations and can afford to gaze with pitying sympathy upon anything savoring of maternal testiness or solicitude.

Willis W. Rice, Watertown, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.



**North Carolina**

Chapters .. 34.

Members .. 2,076.

To the Sixtieth Annual Convocation meeting in the city of Kinston on May 12th, 1908, Grand High Priest A. B. Andrews expressed pleasure in his words of greeting :

" The name of the Chapter in whose hall we meet commemorates the life and career of the illustrious patriot, citizen, and Mason, whose name and deeds, always exerted for the uplifting of his State and fellow man, will live in history long after we of the present generation have passed away. Near this historic city lies buried Brother Richard Caswell, whose monument, standing in the centre of this city, bespeaks the pride that a State feels in commemorating the virtues of her dead."

Apparently the Chapter had made other arrangements, for the record takes something of the sentiment out of the above by informing us that Grand Chapter met in the more prosaic, but possibly roomier, Court House.

Three new Chapters were started and the restoration of a charter to Lincolnton after a trance of forty-five years' duration, gave hopes that the awakening was of a permanent nature.

A couple of weary Chapters had conferred the Mark degree upon brethren and then went to sleep. The latter appealed for relief. They were directed to the active body which claimed the territory, and " succeeded to unfinished material."

The G.H.P. confessed to two visits outside those to his own Chapter, and assisted Virginia to celebrate its centenary. Like a good governor of North Carolina, he went over to see his colleague of South Carolina at the latter's annual at Charleston. He refers to his " welcome " as " most cordial and generous." It generally is when those two foregather. He had invitations galore, but sad to relate " business engagements " synchronized and he was compelled to decline.

He held a commission as Kansas' representative, but felt that his exalted position as Grand High Priest did not justify such a trust so he handed it over to another.

"In the event of any dispute he would be expected to represent the Grand Chapter commissioning him, it will thus be seen that the two positions are not, under certain circumstances, at all compatible."

Which reveals him as a Companion of much observation and delicacy.

He rejoiced at the re-awakening of the Order of High Priesthood, which, after an activity of twenty-three years, retired to slumber in 1873.

"As Excellent Companion Levi L. Stevenson, the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, first instituted this beautiful Order in our jurisdiction, it is surely a coincidence that his successor Grand Lecturer, nearly sixty years later, is here to-day reviving the Order. The Order is now on a well established basis, and it will continue to grow in usefulness and activity. Let us wish it all success."

By all means. He urged a permanent fund established so as to secure the cash balance from the risk of being voted away at any time on a resolution, and then suggested an appropriation to assist in entertaining the General Grand at the latter's triennial at Savannah in November, 1909. He modestly recommended three hundred dollars to be taken out on the easy payment plan and by way of encouragement hinted that South Carolina, whose members are very intimate with the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, being an adjacent State, had made an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the purpose.

He favored the mileage and per diem system and thought they were financially healthy enough to start in with the first. He also urged a substantial increase in the Grand Secretary's salary.

To reimburse Grand Chapter for the expenses supposed to be incurred in paying mileage and per diem, he recommended that a tax of \$2.00 be placed on each

exaltation, and this amount will be sufficient to pay mileage to the members of the Grand Chapter, without using any of the revenue now received. It carried of course.

His recommendations were backed up by statistical information compiled by himself and attached to his address in the form of "Exhibits A to J," all of which goes to credit him with rare zeal, industry and method.

Grand Lecturer Moye did excellent work among the Chapters and apparently the Companions gave him a good time.

The young lady whom Grand Chapter is educating at Greensboro, bids fair to be a credit to the Companions. Miss Hannah, according to the report, is progressing. Not so the young man who was similarly taken up and sent to a college at Raleigh. The report indicated that his conduct was not at all what it should be. Upon investigation and after conference with the officials of the college it was found to be absolutely necessary to withdraw support from him and he was dropped from the college roll at the end of the half session.

"The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley."

Undeterred the Committee sought for a more deserving object and found him in a young man from Wilmington (Mr. John J. Hedrick) the son of a Mason who had been working for a time in a civil engineer's office trying to accumulate enough money, which together with what his mother could afford to do for him, would enable him to go to college. His mother is working in an office in Wilmington, and has three young daughters to support and educate. Mr. Hedrick, therefore, took the place of the former student, and has been at the college since January, and striving hard to deserve his good fortune.

Now that is pleasant reading and indicates that the hearts of our North Carolina Companions beat steadily in response to the undying principles of the ancient Craft.

Canada's proceedings for 1907 came under the kindly eye of Companion James Southgate. His criticism is brief and is mainly directed to the absence of a number of officers and may have overlooked the fact that this jurisdiction is one of magnificent distances and no pay roll. Events are carefully noted, but comment is infrequent. Companion Southgate is away up among the seniors, being in harness for about thirty years. Some of those "thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to" occasionally visit him as they do others, but repining is not much in his line and his grasp on the quill is as firm as ever. May it long continue so.

Jas. C. Braswell, Whitaker, Grand High Priest.

Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

### ***North Dakota***

Chapters .. 17.

Members .. 1794.

In front of the very handsome portal of the Masonic Temple at Fargo some forty members of Grand Chapter grouped themselves and had a picture taken on the 2nd July, 1908, the day of the Nineteenth Annual Convocation. The photograph is reproduced in the Proceedings, and is very interesting, the more so that the group includes a pretty lady from the Assistant Grand Secretary's office, whose name and description is thus given, "Mary Schlanser, Masonic Mascot of State." Although the volume does not record the incident, yet it is stated, on excellent authority, that the poetic Grand Secretary, known to his colleagues as "Flickertail," apostrophised the "picture" in these lines :

" Kind, kind and gentle is she,  
Kind is our Mary ;  
The tend'rest blossom on the tree  
Can not compare with Mary."

The touching gallantry of the North Dakota scribe brought a pleasant flush to the fine open countenance of Grand High Priest John Riessbeck, who sat beside

the fair mascot, and it is artistically reproduced in the counterfeit presentment of that officer which, as a frontispiece, adorns the compilation. The blush is decidedly becoming.

Another member of the group, then apparently in ordinary health, was Companion Alexander C. Mather, Grand Treasurer. On the 17th August following he was summoned to his long home, and thus the picture possesses an added, though sad, interest for the remainder.

A new Chapter at Cando was authorized, but they started at an inopportune time. Grand Secretary Thompson said of it :

" We regret to report that this newly created child has never given one squeak to indicate life, and its swaddling clothes put on by the dispensation have never been changed. From the High Priest of that chapter comes a report that no meetings were held for the reason that no hall could be obtained suitable to hold convocations."

They do mix things up in North Dakota occasionally. The Grand High Priest was asked to instal the officers of his Chapter :

" This was a joint installation of the Chapter and the Blue Lodge, Worshipful Master, Bro. W. B. Howe, Master of Dickinson Lodge, No. 32, A.F. and A.M., having also requested me to instal the officers of that body. Golden Rule Chapter Order of the Eastern Star also installed their officers on the evening mentioned."

" A banquet and dance followed the ceremonies of installation, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be able to be present on this occasion, which is one that will always be remembered by me."

Forget it ? Not on your life. There was achievement enough there to immortalize him. Grand Secretary Thompson, in recording his official acts has, like " Father O'Flynn "

" A wondherful way wid ye."

Come what may, he is always hopeful and never fails to turn the bright side uppermost. He has been fifteen years doing this sort of thing, and his Companions expect to keep him for another fifteen years, at least, digging out similes from the myths.

"The number fifteen has a peculiar significance to Masonry as it had to the Osiric mysteries. About the magic of this number, good fortune clustered like luscious grapes in summer upon some tessellated arch; and thus we present our fifteenth annual report with that serenity of conscience which characterized the great Pythagoras when he juggled numbers with the voices of the fates."

"While the increase in membership, and the amount of dues and fees, have not kept pace with the year prior, still we believe there is no reason to complain. There is nothing that we know of in the universe that does not vary, and even the earth itself is said to be wobbly: and if this be true, why should we expect Capitular Masonry not to respond to a sympathetic chord?"

The Finance Committee reported a balance on hand of \$6,288. Surely North Dakota might, in such a condition of princely affluence, afford to enlighten its Companions with a report on Correspondence annually. With the versatile Grand Secretary as the writer, it would be relished by others than his immediate constituency.

Frank H. Sprague, Grafton, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

### ***Nova Scotia***

Chapters .. 17.

Members .. 1,140.

In Keith Hall, Yarmouth, on the 9th June, 1908, the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was organized by the V. E. Grand Captain of the Host, duly authorized and at 10 o'clock a.m. Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the M. E. Grand High Priest, William W. Dillon, who said:

"I am pleased to meet you in this charming town of Yarmouth, a community famed for its natural attractiveness and for its beautiful gardens and well kept lawns and hedges, and for its many handsome and stately residences. Surely Yarmouth is a veritable paradise."

"My term of office has been a continuous pleasure. The Companions have responded to every call, harmony prevails in every Chapter, and the progress has been most gratifying indeed. The harvest seems just now ripening. As never before Capitular Masonry is appreciated in this jurisdiction, and calls are coming from East, West, North and South for 'more light' in Masonry."



Nova Scotia's "paradise," however, gave place to the visionary city of the Revelations of St. John, the city that "lieth four square" and on this theme he dilated with eloquence.

But the Grand High Priest could work as well as speak, for he about covered his great jurisdiction, visiting and encouraging the Chapters, including that at St. John's, Newfoundland, which involved a voyage of six hundred miles—on this incident the Committee subsequently remarked :

" His visit to Shannon Chapter, Newfoundland, merits more than a passing allusion from the fact, that, although belonging to this jurisdiction, it has been but seldom visited by any of our Grand High Priests ; and yet, isolated as it is, under the guidance of one of the best informed and most willing Companions (Comp. Pinsent) it has kept its own and gone ahead. Our Grand High Priest found it in a very prosperous condition. Your Committee are pleased to recognize the fact that our Grand High Priest was among the few who have been enabled to visit this historic Chapter. It is needless to say that he was royally welcomed and royally entertained."

He was mindful of many things during these visitations. At Middleton he was asked to present a handsome jewel to P.G.H.P. Rev. H. deBlois, commemorating that worthy Companion's fiftieth year of Masonic work and at Sydney he himself was the recipient of a massive signet ring accompanied by well chosen words to which, he says, " the Most Excellent High Priest replied in his usual earnest and appreciative manner."

He constituted Valley Chapter and authorized a new one at Bridgewater and at Truro saw the Past Master degree conferred. " The great lesson was taught in a very forcible and gentlemanly manner."

" And, Companions, I am delighted to state that our Grand Secretary informs me that the past Masonic year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia."

It was bound to be with such a vigilant master overseer. The Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's reports well supported the above statement. A form of travelling certificate was agreed to which will cost the Companions one dollar each and it was also decided that

" Each Subordinate Chapter keep its Charter in a fire-proof vault or safe, and that in lieu of same they be furnished with a Certificate showing that they are in possession of a Charter, which Certificate shall be kept in the Chapter Room at all times."

A special Committee was appointed to consider the following question and to bring in a report at " next Annual Convocation :"

" Can the Chapter receive a petition from, and, if elected, confer the several degrees of R.A. Masonry on Bro. . . . . who was raised in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, Sydney, and has since lost an arm midway between the elbow and shoulder, he having since provided himself with an artificial one ?"

The invitation of Most Worshipful Brother Charles R. Smith, Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, to take part in the procession to and from church on the occasion of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the following day, was cordially accepted.

With pleasure it is noted that M. E. Comp. Dillon's successor as Grand High Priest is Companion Thos. Van B. Bingay, of Yarmouth, whose fraternal acquaintance we had the privilege of making some two months later in Toronto at the Annual Assembly of Knights Templars.

Companion Bingay is one of the talented quintette to whom is entrusted the compilation of the report on Correspondence and he there displays an all round knowledge that well equips him for the high duties he has undertaken as chief ruler.

Grand Secretary Waddell reviewed, in kindly manner, Canada for 1907, and is apparently impressed with one feature.

" This Grand Chapter has one of the most complete and efficient systems of inspection to be found anywhere. The office of Grand Superintendent (there are eighteen of them) is no sinecure, but involves no inconsiderable amount of time and work, and it rarely happens that a Companion accepts this trust and fails to justify his election, as is abundantly proved by a perusal of their reports, each containing as it does a table setting forth the condition of each Chapter, in addition to a general review of affairs in the District under consideration."

To the writer he dealt with charitable forbearance, for which we are under obligation. He had ample opportunity to "lay on" but fraternally refrained.

Thos. Van B. Bingay, Yarmouth, Grand High Priest.

S. J. Waddell, Truro, Grand Secretary.

### **Ohio**

Chapters . . 165.

Members . . 26,698.

In the last decade of its first century this stalwart Grand Chapter maintained the strong position which long years of well doing entitled it to. The Ninety-first Annual Convocation at Columbus, on Oct. 2nd, 1907, witnessed an imposing attendance which the local Chapters welcomed with traditional hospitality.

Their greeting was couched in happy phrases and equally apt was the response of Comp. Bromwell on behalf of the Grand High Priest William T. McLean.

The latter's record of official acts was also well presented and even to the far off reader occasionally revealed items commanding attention. His view of the granting of dispensations is decidedly conservative.

"There would be greater respect for the dignity of the institution, and a better conception by the candidate of the lessons taught by our Ritual and Monitor, if given to understand that they must accommodate themselves to the requirements of the laws as laid down, rather than that the Chapter accept them under any other than its own terms and 'railroad' them through."

He declined to issue special dispensations in a number of instances where the only reason given for such requests was that the annual election of officers fell upon Christmas night.

"This affects a number of Chapters in every year, and as men generally make it a point to be at home on that particular day, I see no reason why a good attendance at the annual election would not be assured, or why just as acceptable and able officers could not be chosen on that night as on any other—hence I refused to entertain such propositions."

Two dispensations he issued for new Chapters and in one other case he passed the application on to Grand Chapter.

He concluded, after advising with several Past Grand High Priests, not to go to the expense involved in making inspections, comforting himself with the assurance that with the good work done in former years, the institution was in good enough condition to stand the omission for one year at least. He further pointed to the great work of the Chapters which revealed a net gain of 1869, as a justification of his self denying course and the wisdom of letting well alone—so far as he was concerned. The same line of conduct might not do with those who came after him, however, and hinted that to follow his example would probably be injudicious.

“ It goes to show that nothing can retard the progress of this institution, which stands firmly on its own foundation and is not affected by personalities of the Grand Officers, and yet, for the good of the Order, I would recommend the continuance of annual inspections of the subordinate Chapters.”

He strongly urged the imperative selection and recording of a mark.

The report of Grand Secretary Hagenbuch, an excellent portrait of whom we welcome, disclosed a most gratifying state of affairs. The membership has more than doubled in the past 15 years, the increase in five years being 7,486, or more than 41 per cent.

The special committee to prepare and publish a Monitor in accord with the work, reported that the Committee had completed their labors, and that 1,500 copies had been published and placed in charge of the Grand Secretary.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that its members were of the opinion that the same weighty considerations which led the Grand Lodge to prohibit its subordinate lodges from becoming incorporated under the laws of the State, apply with equal force to this Grand Body. “ We therefore, offer for adoption the following amendment to the Code,”

" 47a. No Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter shall become a body corporate."

This was apparently done to save certain enterprising Chapters from themselves.

That patriarch among reviewers, Past Grand High Priest W. M. Cunningham, who took up the reportorial quill forty-four years ago and is as vigorous in its use to-day as of yore, introduced his work for this year with some interesting contributions from well-known writers, Rev. Dr. Frank Sewell, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, and William J. Hughan, with whom he is apparently in frequent correspondence. He treated Canada for 1907 to a close inspection, his cullings and comments embracing over three of his pages.

In our reasoning on the use of the term Chapter as applied to a meeting of one of the subordinate degrees, he kindly informs us why it is so.

" In the Webb system, there is a regular opening and closing ceremony in each of the other degrees as well as in that of the Royal Arch, but as they are subordinate to the Chapter, the record may correctly state that ——— Chapter No. ——— was opened on the Past, Mark, or Most Excellent Master's degree or upon the R.A. degree as the case may have been."

The term " Chapter " with us and indeed in every other system that we have knowledge of, other than the Webb, is confined to the Royal Arch. The regulation of this jurisdiction thus defines the distinction :

" All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges."

A Chapter of the Royal Arch is opened, and " closed " or " called off " as the case may be, to work in a " Lodge " of Mark Masters or Most Excellent Masters, in each of which, as elsewhere there is a distinct opening and closing ceremony. In the case of the Chapter being " called off " it is again " called on " at the end of the Lodge working, and closed down formally. It is simply a matter of usage, and when next we read that " he Chapter " was opened on the Mark degree, the great " covering " qualities of the term will not be lost sight of.



Under England, he gives not a little space to the doings of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Mark Lodge and the annual meeting of Surrey's Provincial Grand Chapter, and in this regard is more generous than the vast majority of his confreres. At the banquet following the latter function it is noted that the historian of the English Craft, Robert Freke Gould was present, and was congratulated on the attainment of his jubilee as a Royal Arch Mason.

The reference to the Illinois Companion's passage about Robert Burns' identification with Royal Arch Masonry induces him to mention a relic of the poet's lodge.

"A number of years since the writer was presented with an old copy of the 'Muse of Masonry and Masonic Essayist,' said to have been used in Tarbolton Lodge in the days of Burns, and carefully folded in the book is a pen copy in colors of the 'tracing board,' and another with other suggestive diagrams."

At Maryland he pauses to have a word with the veteran Companion Schultz, and apparently is in harmony with his views against the popular innovation, dependent membership.

"Comp. Schultz continues his just and forcible strictures against unfraternal legislation now so prevalent against the unaffiliate, and under Florida correctly holds 'that membership in the Fraternity is one thing and membership in a particular Lodge is altogether a different matter.'"

He exchanges views with Rhode Island's reporter on the value of Correspondence reports.

"In this connection it is in the opinion of your Committee safe to say, that the present advanced views in Masonry, research in its history, study of its mysteries, promotion of its charities, and cultivation of the principles of Brotherhood and loyalty to Deity and His Holy Word, are as largely due, at least, to Reports on Correspondence as to any other Masonic source, and among those who *never* read a Report on Foreign Correspondence, and who think that the ceremonies of the degrees constitute all that there is in Masonry, can always be found those who think that printing a Report on Correspondence is a useless expense."



Under Wisconsin he stops to remark on the Grand Lecturer's report in which the latter expresses satisfaction that "the abuses and excesses" in degree work are disappearing.

"All Grand Jurisdictions seem to have in some localities the irrepressible, obtuse funny man, who delights in the perversion of the solemnity of a sacred Lesson or impressive Ceremony into a senseless mirth-producing guffaw substitute. The best cure for which is the prompt arrest of Charter of the Chapter wherein permitted."

We have enjoyed every minute of our stay with Companion Cunningham, and hope that he may be long spared to give of his abundant store for the benefit of his Companions of Ohio.

Lewis M. Lea, Sandusky, Grand High Priest.

Edward Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

### **Oregon**

Chapters .. 28.

Members .. 2,598.

Grand Chapter was the first of the governing bodies to meet in Portland's new Masonic Temple. The Annual Convocation was the Forty-eighth and was held on June 8th, 1908.

The M. E. Grand High Priest F. W. Davis, did not weary his hearers with a lengthy address, his official actions being few and light. Death had made an inroad into the official ranks taking the Grand Captain of the Host E. Comp. A. J. Marshall, a California "forty-niner."

The Grand Secretary's report showed a net gain of 148 for the year.

Search for the missing seal of Oregon's Grand High Priest was successful and the Committee was correspondingly elated.

"We feel that those who discovered this valuable relic are entitled to special consideration, and as a mark of our appreciation of their services your Committee would recommend their appointment as Grand Masters of the Seal."

It was a quiet, peaceful and uneventful session, and probably prompted the submission of the following important resolution which was the joint work of eight deep thinking and resourceful Companions :

“ That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to deliver an address at each annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on the subject of Capitular Masonry.”

What Grand Lecturer Coshaw's opinion of the proposal was, is not recorded.

It is with relief one turns to the breezy and enlivening report of Comp. Hodson who is one of the most painstaking and entertaining of the reviewers and from whom something instructive is not expected in vain. He had our jubilee volume under inspection.

“ The book of proceedings is introduced by some fine photo-engravings, all tangled up with interlaced triangles and compasses and crown, representing the principal officers of the Grand Chapter, and further ornamented by several pages of fine pictures of prominent Royal Arch Masons of Canada, all of whom were very well adapted to honor the record of their fiftieth anniversary.”

He does not ask for a solution of the tangle and must presume that he is as well able to elucidate its mystery as ourselves.

“ The general business, while considerable in quantity, was readily disposed of in entire harmony, but without producing anything for comment. This was followed by the celebration of ‘ Our Jubilee ’ by an excellent banquet and listening to an address by M. E. Companion J. Ross Robertson on the origin of the Royal Arch degree, and the history of the Chapters and the Grand Chapter of Canada. It was a choice production, worthy of the eminent origin, but its extent and the intimate relation of its parts are such as to forbid extract.”

He is in agreement with us as to the value to be placed on recent published statements with regard to the origin of Most Excellent Master degree and holds to the accepted opinion that Webb was its fabricator or collaborated with others of his period.

" They probably had some sort of a dim outline from the various excellent and super-excellent degrees anciently in use, which formed the basis, but as its purposes and ceremonies are distinctly its own and without history or tradition, except as given originally by Mackey, and known and practised ever since, we are not inclined to put much faith in interpolations by modern editors of Mackey's works."

What those "excellents" and "super excellents" of old were it is difficult to determine now, but that there was a similarity to the more modern degrees, with those titles, of Ireland and Scotland, is more than probable, and they comprise the simple ceremony of passing the veils. That there was anything in design, period or phrasing to resemble Webb's creation was as likely in those days as it certainly is not at the present. England in the past may have toyed with such a thing, but it received neither mention, countenance nor recognition at the union of 1817.

He is very emphatic in his views as to the necessity for the presence of the charter to validate the transaction of the meeting and boldly and with trenchant weapons assails any or all to the contrary. As it is a matter of precedent and law we are entirely with him.

The Grand High Priest of Michigan who attended the triennial at Boston and subsequently told his Companions that he saw no serious utility in the General Grand finds a "me too" in Companion Hodson.

" Now, there you have the opinion of an earnest enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason, who has been through with the whole service and knows what he is talking about. It has always been a puzzle to us as to why such an otherwise sensible set of men as Royal Arch Masons usually are, maintain such a farce as the General Grand has always, to us, seemed to be."

With a historical sketch of the Capitular Craft in Oregon, making a most interesting chapter for his Companions, he closes.

A. H. Steiner, Salem, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

## ***Pennsylvania***

Chapters . . 127.

Members . . 28,177.

The usual quarterly Communications where much of the necessary business of the year is disposed of and the degree work exemplified, were all well attended.

At the December quarterly the M. E. Grand High Priest feelingly referred to the great loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the death of their Grand Treasurer Thomas Ranken Patton. In our previous review we touched upon this sad bereavement slightly, for Companion Patton had represented Canada for twenty-three years in his Grand Chapter, and was a notable and beloved figure at its meetings. From an able "In Memoriam" presented by Past Grand High Priest J. Henry Williams we cull a few paragraphs which we know will be read with interest by our Canadian Companions.

"He was born on Christmas Eve, 1824, at Crindle, in the County of Londonderry, Ireland. Coming to this country in 1844, he settled in Philadelphia and, engaging in active commercial pursuits, retired with a competency, and gave his remaining years to the practice of Masonic virtues.

"He was in his day noted for his ritualistic attainments, for his untiring labor and for his deep and lasting attachment to the ancient Landmarks as they came to us from the fathers undefiled by innovations and so-called modern improvements.

"But his memory will be best known and revered for his charities. 'He is truly great that is great in charity,' says Thomas à Kempis.

"So that in the accomplishment of his design to establish and perpetuate charities so noble and so useful he has proven himself 'truly great.'

"On December 27, 1889, he gave the sum of \$25,000 as a Charity Fund in memory of his wife, Ellen H. Graham Patton; the income whereof was to be expended for the relief of widows of Masons as therein provided. December 27, 1890, he increased this fund by an additional sum of \$25,000, and on September 3, 1902, he added enough to make, with its accumulations, the sum of \$100,000. This trust was duly accepted and is known as The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.

"His other great charity defined in his will, and for which the great bulk of his estate has been placed in trust, is too well known and of too recent establishment to need repetition here.

" M. E. Companion Patton's acquirement of wealth was not for the gratification of his own personal wants or pleasures, but that he might establish a fund that would relieve the wants and necessities of the destitute.

" This purpose of his was not the result of the advice or persuasion of zealous friends, nor was it due to the connivance of stronger minds than his. It was not a hasty act, nor one influenced by those who, however much they might desire to shine by reflected light, were not worthy of so great an honor.

" His magnificent offering to humanity was purely and simply the offspring, the outpouring of the heart of a noble man who had been chastened by the hand of affliction—the natural impulse of a soul which, by its own experience, could feel for others not so fortunate or blest.

" His purpose was almost lifelong in its thought and conception. It was *his* purpose, and *his alone*. So that wherever the Fraternity of Free Masons is known, there will be inseparably associated with it the name of Thomas Ranken Patton.

" The memory of his unselfishness will be with us as a sweet savor from the altar of sacrifice, permeate the very innermost recesses of our hearts, and rise to the realms of the Great Architect of the Universe as an acceptable offering in His sight.

" He entered into rest on the 13th day of September, 1907. I do not say he died ; for

" To live in the hearts we leave behind  
Is not to die."

At this Convocation the petition of a number of Philadelphia Companions to establish a Chapter to be called after the late Companion Patton was rejected.

At the Annual Grand Communication on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1907 all of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion William B. Meredith was installed "*Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*," was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

He too, paid tribute to the memory of the distinguished dead Companions Patton and Charles Westley Packer, the latter an active worker in Grand Chapter for many years.

"A severe loss, as he was a useful and upright citizen, a loyal and devoted Mason, untiring in the performance of every duty assigned him, and zealous in guarding the interests of this Grand Chapter as a member of the Committee on Finance."

His decisions were generally sound and in line with Masonic law and true sentiment.

The High Priest of a Chapter, he ruled, has no authority to appoint a Committee to provide a banquet at the expense of the Chapter, without the same being directed by a vote of the Chapter.

A Chapter he held, has the power and authority to donate money to the secretary for services, in excess of the salary named in the by-laws, although the wiser plan would be to amend the by-laws and make the salary large enough to cover all purposes.

The name of a Chapter in Pennsylvania and rightly, cannot be used in connection with any social club or association, including a reception and banquet at which others than Masons are present.

He also decided that a public banquet given in the name of a Chapter, at which others than Masons were present, followed by a "vaudeville and dance," was unmasonic. "Vaudeville" and the "dance" he said, have no place in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction and are prohibited.

He was asked if money subscribed and paid to assist in the formation of a new Chapter (such money being used exclusively for Masonic purposes) be credited on dues or life membership fees? and replied "A Chapter must be constituted free of debt; hence all subscriptions must be treated as gifts or voluntary contributions."

Glancing at the work of visitation he gave praise where it was due.

"But to say to a majority of the Chapters that their work was correct, or to this Grand Chapter that the work throughout the jurisdiction was uniform, would be stating that which is not correct, and we may as well recognize the fact and inaugurate a system of instruction which will remedy the evil."



He was very earnest in urging attention to a requirement neglected in some of the Chapters, spite of frequent mandates, viz., the selection of and registering the Mark.

“The obligated duty is so strong, the usage so general and the custom so ancient that it can with safety be termed a landmark, and there can be no escape from complying.”

Uniformity in R. A. clothing, a subject that at one time occasioned some thought at home, led him to remark :

“In very many instances no attention has been paid to the requirements of the Constitution, but that the officers or Committee having the matter in charge have purchased whatever tickled their fancy. It is the bounden duty of every Capitular Mason in the jurisdiction to conform to every requirement of the Constitution.”

M. E. Companion Henderson, though others may retire from the duty, remains one of the quintette whose special task it is to review the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, and as usual Canada fell to his lot. It is a very kindly inspection in which he excerpts approvingly and freely from the address of the late M. E. Companion Roaf.

Our action with regard to Western Australia's plea for recognition is thus described :

“The Grand Chapter of Western Australia, as at present constituted, was refused recognition.”

We must here fraternally accuse Companion Henderson of hasty conclusion, unintentional of course, for the report at no stage justified such an interpretation. The new Grand Chapter as constituted was supported throughout and recognition was only deferred, not refused.

A very entertaining report all through and shows that even in the new blood there is an old fashioned tendency to hit the right nail on the head. It exhibits all the ear-marks of experience and study.

Companion George Hale in closing the review says :

“As has been well said, ‘It is easier to moralize than to be moral,’ so it is easier to criticise than to accomplish. It seems

to me that it is wiser to note and make our own that which helps us to a nobler manhood, a clearer vision of what Royal Arch Masonry really is, than to pick out shortcomings which violate no principle, but are simply vagaries."

"Paying tithe of mint and anise and cummin" as it were. But why be even gently censorious? Those same vagaries come in very handy in periods of famine and for lack of other and more serious provender are eagerly picked up by the ambitious scrap gatherer who makes the very most of very doubtful material. Blame him not, he must live his own way. Besides it rejoices his soul and flatters his pride when he discovers that there are some who profess to accept the contents of his baskets, when "kneaded" for consumption and duly sugared, as the real cake. Let him be, "the clearer vision" will come.

Wm. B. Meredith, Kittanning, Grand High Priest.

Charles Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

### **Quebec**

Chapters . . 11.

Members . . 1,152.

The neat little volume containing the record of the Thirty-first Annual Convocation at Montreal, on March 27th, 1908, is the only one of the printed proceedings coming to our table that is distinguished by "the thin red line" framing each of its pages. The feature has been noticed elsewhere, and not favorably. We like it.

Companion John McLean, M. E. Grand Z., told his Companions that the year had been a somewhat uneventful one. The state of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction was most satisfactory, and no complaints of any kind had been made. A fair average addition to the membership is the result of the past year's work in the subordinate Chapters, the net increase being 59.

Among those who had passed to eternal rest was R. E. Comp. James Dunbar, K.C., First Grand Third Principal J. at the formation of Grand Chapter in 1876, Comp. Dunbar was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Z's duties bore lightly on his shoulders. He visited frequently and enjoyed his trips, except in one case where a snow blockade shut him out from a district meeting at Waterloo.

He directed attention to the fund being raised to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Quebec's Masonic historian Dr. John Hamilton Graham, who was the first Grand Z. of Grand Chapter and recommended that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to augment the sum contributed by Grand Lodge. This was at a later stage endorsed by the Committee and agreed to by Grand Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of districts were interesting and indicated close attention and zeal on the part of those officers. He who had the Montreal district in charge said :

" A notable sign that the light of Royal Arch Masonry is spreading its effulgence is given by the increasing number of French Canadians who are joining our ranks, exaltation being, as I may say, confirmation in devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, after a brother has gone through the trials imposed, and gained the knowledge conferred by previous degrees."

M. E. Comp. Whyte's report as Grand Scribe E. was not voluminous, but it was gratifying. Ten of the eleven Chapters showed an increase and every Chapter had accessions, while the receipts were ahead of the previous year. The cash assets are \$3,779.32.

Grand Lecturer Phillips presented an interesting account of his numerous visits and the good work accomplished. This is pleasant reading.

" As a result of personal observation and enquiry during my official visits I am convinced that much care and consideration is given to-day to the proper selection of Companions to fill the chairs of the various offices in a Chapter. It appears to me that the members of a Chapter insist upon their officers possessing the ability to present the several degrees in a proper and impressive manner, as also to conduct its affairs in a business-like way ; if these qualities go with seniority well and good, if not, seniority alone is by no means considered a sufficient recommendation to promotion. If this policy on the part of the Companions is continued it will lead to even more gratifying results in the future."

The Committee on the Grand Z.'s address expressed sincere admiration for the chief ruler's qualities as presiding officer and the genuine ability which characterized his official actions.

" Your Committee feel assured that if the sentiment of this Grand Council was put into effect, Most Excellent Companion John McLean would be unanimously re-elected for a third term, as an effectual expression of the love and esteem in which he is held by every member of it, but remembering the difficulty that was experienced, after many refusals, of inducing him to accept nomination two years since, your Committee are satisfied such an attempt would prove futile now."

It was decided that Grand Chapter should subscribe two hundred dollars annually for five years towards the fund for extinguishing the debt on the Montreal Masonic Temple.

The members of Prince Consort Lodge, No. 52, who were holding their regular communication, invited the members of Grand Chapter to join them at the supper table after the close of the Convocation. This was accepted by many of the Companions.

A motion favoring the adoption of distinctive Mark pennies for that degree was adopted.

What M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers calls " a running description of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the various jurisdictions " is comprised in his report on Correspondence. The " run " in no way affected his breathing capacity nor occasioned any diminution of his well-known power to please and instruct. He inspected our fiftieth annual.

" A very elegant volume contains the record of the jubilee year of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the semi-centennial celebration having been worthy both of the occasion and of the Grand Chapter."

" Most appropriately, the portraits of the Past Grand First Principals and Past Grand Scribes E. are given."

" A magnificent illustration in colors of the semi-centennial souvenir jewel is given in the proceedings, and reminds us of our obligation to R. E. Companion Geo. J. Bennett for his thoughtfulness in sending one to the present writer."

"The Jubilee address was made by M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Historian, and consisted of a complete history of Grand Chapter, which we are delighted to find printed at length in the volume of proceedings."

Companion Chambers has very kind words for the writer, but we fear he rates us much above our deserts. We are anxious to learn and like to stand on solid ground for the little we do know. To impart knowledge with the decision and fluency of most of those whose reports we read with keen pleasure, his own among them, is not a gift possessed by all. It is a privilege however, to be enabled to cull the well expressed thoughts of others and present them for the benefit of those who will study them with equal gratification.

He reproduces a paragraph from the West Virginia review which is a just tribute to Quebec and which we gladly copy.

"Quebec is to be congratulated on her well earned success in the face of many difficulties. Companions go considerable distances to attend some of the Chapters, sometimes when the weather is below zero. Besides, there is no little coolness, to say the least, toward Masonry, on the part of thousands of her population who are taught to look upon the Order as Anathema Maranatha. We have been in the Province, and know that Masonry is more or less under an interdict."

Harry G. Elliott, Montreal, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

### ***Rhode Island***

Chapters . . 10.

Members . . 3,517.

Two Past Grand High Priests Horace K. Blanchard and Edward L. Freeman ; the Grand Master of the Third Veil, Warren H. Tillinghast, and James H. Armington, Grand King in 1863, were among the distinguished Companions whose voices were forever stilled when the One hundred and ninth Annual Convocation assembled in Providence in March, 1907.

Grand High Priest Nelson R. Hall in addition to seeing the work in his own Chapters went abroad for a



change and witnessed degrees conferred in Maine and South Carolina. In the latter jurisdiction they had the General Grand's ritual, which for beauty and impressiveness was not comparable with the Rhode Island article. He apparently told them so, for they expressed a desire to obtain the latter.

His story of the triennial "good time" was interesting, especially Rhode Island's share in the general festivity.

"If the meetings of General Grand Chapter are productive of no other good, they surely bring together men who are serious and sincere Masons, and promote good fellowship which is the cement which unites north, south, east, and west to our common band of friends and brothers."

It was decided on resolution that subordinate Chapters shall not ballot on the petition of any candidate for the degrees, or for membership, unless it shall have been satisfactorily proven that such candidate is not indebted to his Lodge for more than one year's dues. This development of the innovation will doubtless make the innovator "chortle."

Introducing his review of the Grand Chapter proceedings Companion Rev. Henry W. Rugg optimistically remarks :

"These are propitious days for Freemasonry in all departments of its organic life. Its prestige and popularity were never so much in evidence as at the present time. The prosperity and the usefulness of our Fraternity are testified to by the facts and figures which are shown in every printed record, and by the speech of brethren one to another when they rejoice together over the present auspicious conditions.

"It is a grateful task to engage in a reviewer's task at this favored time, and to observe the varied signs that attest the power and progress of our benign institution."

He contributes a kindly notice of Canada for 1907. Touching on the position of the General Grand Chapter he says under Vermont :

"Perhaps it would be better if the General Grand Chapter should exercise authority over the State Grand Chapters, just as the Grand Encampment does over Grand Commanderies. Then there would be "a court of final resort" for American Capitular Masonry, as there is not now."



But would that satisfy? One can in fancy see the metal heating for the forging of tools to fashion a "court of last resort" for the Symbolic Craft. He sees little prospect of a change, however, for he adds that "it is doubtful if the consensus of opinion in State Grand Chapters would favor it."

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Three more of the veterans were called since last Convocation: William T. C. Wardwell, Past Grand High Priest; George H. Burnham, who was elected Grand Secretary in 1868, serving eight years; and David Stevens, Grand King in 1871.

Grand High Priest Charles F. Richardson addressing the One hundred and tenth Annual Convocation at Providence on March 10th, 1908, regretted that he was able to visit but 6 of the 10 Chapters. But every Chapter in the jurisdiction has been visited by a Grand Officer one or more times during the year, and the reports as rendered show that the Chapters are in prosperous condition and gaining in membership.

He nursed an intention of putting on the degrees for instruction but, the ritual, that thing of "beauty and impressiveness," being in the hands of a committee for the purpose of "putting it into its original state and correct form," he deemed it advisable to wait pending the results of the committee.

The committee found that the beauty was marred by quite a number of grammatical errors, some misquotations of Scripture, and some apparent inconsistencies. They made a list, and recommended that the incoming Grand High Priest call a special meeting of Grand Chapter within sixty days, for the consideration of and action upon the "Work" of Grand Chapter and the findings of the committee relating thereto.

The thanks of Grand Chapter were extended to the M. E. for the beautiful button-hole bouquets furnished by him for the Grand Officers.

A retrospective glance at the origin, struggles and final stability of Rhode Island's Grand Chapter is a fitting and very interesting prelude to Rev. Companion Rugg's able report on Correspondence.

"The purpose of your Correspondent in these prefatory paragraphs is gained if he has succeeded in touching the springs of grateful feelings in the minds of Rhode Island Craftsmen, so that, appreciating what is the worth of their inheritance, they shall strive more diligently to uphold the principles and to promote the interest of Capitular Masonry in their own jurisdiction."

His attention to Canada is as generous as usual. Our proceedings for 1908 were under review and three of his pages are devoted to extract and comment.

"The occasion was one of special interest as being an anniversary—as showing the half-century mark of the organic life of the Grand Body thus convened. A part of the day was devoted to exercises arranged for a due observance of jubilee year. There was a banquet, with appropriate addresses. An historical address, showing thoughtful research and careful preparation, was delivered by Past Grand High Priest, J. Ross Robertson. The address is printed entire in the volume of Proceedings now in hand."

"The Royal Craftsmen allegiant to the Grand Chapter of Canada may well be congratulated on the favorable showing of numerical growth and financial prosperity at this time, when they come to the celebration of their jubilee year. And all the more are they deserving of congratulations because they have not allowed Royal Arch Masonry to deteriorate in their hands. They have upheld it as a social and moral force in the community, an institution whose principles and purposes relate to the higher life of man."

Observing the action taken by Grand Chapter in restoring the minimum fee to twenty dollars, he says, "This action seems to accord with what good sense and expediency would dictate."

He quotes Companion Harris of Maine, who had replied to some remarks of ours concerning the origin of the M. E. M. degree and says :

"Just what the ritual was in the period to which Correspondent Harris refers is difficult of determination. The text and ceremony of the Royal Arch presented, we may well believe, many of the features of the present system ; but the preparatory,

or associated, degrees—Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master—were but little known and were set forth quite differently from the manner of their presentation after they had passed through certain moulding processes by Webb and others. As confirmatory of this affirmation we may quote from the record of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, the following :

"October 21, 1797. The Chapter met and voted, "That Thomas S. Webb and John Hanmer, our respected Companions from Temple Chapter, Albany, be, and they hereby are requested to preside ; they accordingly did, and opened the Most Excellent Master's degree, and conferred the same after their manner on Companion Jonathan Gage, and Joshua Greenleaf, of Newburyport Chapter. Opened on the 7th, and a lesson was communicated by Companions Webb and Hanmer."

"Judge W. S. Gardner, in his address at the celebration of the centennial of St. Andrew's Chapter, September 22, 1869, gave it as his judgment that the degree of Most Excellent Master was unknown in that Chapter until Webb's visit to that Body, October 27, 1797. Our thought is that, while all the degrees of Capitular Masonry were known in form and substance before the time of Webb, he so recast them that his name is properly connected with them—at least the three degrees which in the American system precede the Royal Arch."

Wendell R. Davis, Bristol, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

### **Scotland**

What the total number of Chapters Scotland possesses cannot be determined from the pamphlets issued from headquarters. They are to be found not only in Scotland but in South Africa, India, Australasia and other British possessions. The annual return of fees published in March, 1908, shows 215 Chapters as having forwarded amounts in liquidation of charges for registration and other requirements.

In the record for September, 1907, it is observed that a request for a new Chapter was received from New South Wales, where an independent Grand Chapter exists, and which like Western Australia, has not yet received the maternal blessing.

At the request of Chapter Land of Cakes, Eyemouth, No. 15, it was agreed to return its original Charter,

granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, for preservation by the Chapter as an interesting memento of its original constitution.

Two members of Lodge Rosslyn, Nambour, Queensland, No. 836, have been expelled from Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and these expelled members having been members of Chapter Brisbane, No. 127, they are thereby expelled from membership of said Chapter, and excluded from all Chapters holding of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

In December another application for a Chapter was handed in from New South Wales, this time from Sydney, and to be named the Commonwealth Chapter, and the petition being in order it was resolved to grant a Charter as prayed for, and to assign it the number 338.

The announcement was made at the February, 1908, meeting of the Supreme Committee, of the death of the esteemed Companion, James J. D. Dalrymple, of Woodhead, a Past Depute Grand Z. of Supreme Grand Chapter, of which he had been a much valued member for many years.

Supreme Grand Chapter in March, resolved—"That the Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees be always conferred at the one meeting."

The Excellent degree in Scotland is what is known with us as the ceremony of "passing the veils," and has no resemblance whatever to the American degree of Most Excellent Master, which is unknown elsewhere than on this continent.

The assets of Grand Chapter total £8242, and the Charity Fund £3672. Nine new Chapters were chartered within the year.

The 23rd March, 1908, saw the annual festivity at which some of the leading craftsmen of Scotland spoke. The Grand Z. sent apologies from San Remo, Italy.

It was reported at the June quarterly that a quorum of a Special Committee to consider whether the Constitution should be so amended as to permit of the Mark,

Royal Ark Mariner, and Red Cross Degrees being worked without first opening the Chapter, could not be had, and Supreme Committee resolved to recommend to Grand Chapter there be no alteration in the present laws regarding same.

In response to a communication received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, it was resolved to recommend to Grand Chapter to officially recognise the said Grand Lodge as a regular governing body of the Mark Degree in New South Wales.

R. King Stewart, Murdostown, Grand Z.

Robert S. Brown, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

### ***South Carolina***

Chapters .. 25.

Members .. 1,588.

The year was the most prosperous in the history of Grand Chapter, a net gain of 242 having been recorded, while the receipts footed up an excess of nearly five hundred dollars. And that within four years of attaining the century mark. The Companions attending the Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation at Charleston on 12th February, 1907, were of course correspondingly elated.

Grand High Priest Frank T. Harrison was called upon for only one decision. A brother who had taken the Mark degree neglected advancement for over two years when his slumbering enthusiasm bubbled up anew and he asked for the remaining degrees. The Grand High Priest decided that having taken one of the degrees a further ballot was not necessary, as in the case of one who had not taken any, but imposed the condition that the Chapter membership should first have ample notice of the circumstances in the event of any possible objection.

With this ruling the Jurisprudence Committee disagreed.



"The By-Laws distinctly say 'a new ballot is required in case a petitioner does not take the *degrees* for one year after his election, clearly meaning *all* the degrees. The same reason which would require a new ballot if the candidate did not take any degree would exist in case he failed to take only one. His life, in the meantime, may have been such as to render him unfit to be made a Royal Arch Mason, and for this reason the rule was adopted, so as to give every Companion the right to ballot on his advancement. If the naked objection of a Companion would have 'all the force of rejection by ballot,' there is no necessity to state his reasons for such objection either to High Priest or Chapter. And if the decision of the High Priest or Chapter should be that such objection was not valid, the reasons therefor being given, such decision would virtually deprive the objecting Companion of the benefit of his objection and force him into companionship with one he honestly believes is unworthy of such companionship. Besides, when one is balloted on in a Chapter, it is to take the Royal Arch degree, and the other degrees are merely incidental and necessary only to fit him for that degree. Hence, if he does not take that degree within the year, there should be a new ballot."

That final contention is one in perfect harmony with a reasonable view of the situation. The ballot is for acceptance as a Royal Arch Mason. The "incidentals" cut no figure when included in the outfit as a "system."

He pointed out that the Masonic Home movement in South Carolina had taken practical shape by the appropriation of \$10,000 by Grand Lodge for the purpose, and recommended similar action in a sum of \$2,000 by Grand Chapter. This was agreed to at a later stage.

He also asked that one thousand dollars be set apart for the purpose of keeping up South Carolina's end of the festivities incidental to the General Grand's triennial at Savannah in 1909. This also was approved.

The Chapters at Orangeburg, and Yorkville, were resuscitated, but the former failed to get to work and thus more good intentions are gone to make material for subterranean pavement.

The worthy Grand Secretary included in his report an apology for not visiting the subordinate Chapters with the frequency of former years. Surely it was not



expected of that officer ? Of course if he refers to it as a recreation, it is another matter and then, too, he is the reviewer and when was a conscientious reviewer known to have time for visiting ? He furnishes a capital report on this occasion and quite up to his usual. It is Canada's 1906 volume that he inspects which seems a long way back, but he does us full justice. He expresses pleasure that the restored M. E. M. degree was stated by the Committee to be received with favor.

It was the mutilated article that was objected to, Companion Barron, and it was thought better to present it in complete form as a matter of decency.

" This same Committee surprises us by saying that a desire to curtail or abolish the Past Master's degree, is assuming considerable proportions in the Grand Chapters of a number of States. If by " curtail " is meant to confine it to the ritual and cut out local innovations, all right ! But pray name the Grand Chapters in the States which desire to eliminate the degree."

Well, the General Grand advocates curtailment and the Committee who are careful and observing readers, have no doubt regarded the signs of the times. Among others they probably noted the late Companion Savery's remarks, which Companion Barron, by the way, quotes under Mississippi without comment.

" In several Grand Jurisdictions the degree of Past Master is sought to be eliminated, as it has been by our Canada Companions."

and under Oregon he, Companion Barron, refers himself to

" Companion Titcomb's (Alabama) comments on some propositions to eliminate the Past Master's degree."

These and similar observations may not amount to much, but they do catch the eye of a vigilant committeeman now and then and furnish food for speculation. Oh, do not blame the Committees, very often they comprise men who " know a hawk from a hand-saw."

For Companion Barron's appreciative remarks he has our grateful acknowledgment.

Joseph Lindsay, Chester, Grand High Priest.

Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

**Tennessee**

Chapters . . 83.

Members . . 4,179.

Most Excellent Samuel Slager, Grand High Priest presided over the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee, which was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, commencing at 3 o'clock p.m., Monday, January 27th, 1908.

The deaths of two Past Grand High Priests were sincerely mourned. Gideon R. Gwynne and William S. Findlay. Both deceased Companions were war veterans and both had won distinction in the medical profession.

The recent division of the State into three Masonic districts for inspection purposes, gave the Grand High Priest the opportunity of inaugurating the new system. He believed that it effected great good, but thought a Grand Lecturer could do better.

Three new Chapters were started and they received their charters. One charter was arrested, and a Chapter U. D. surrendered its temporary authority.

A Tennesseean brother who went to a North Carolina town to work, put his application into the Chapter at the latter place, being there about a year. Before the application was acted upon he learned that his home Chapter where he was returning had claim upon him, and he asked for the withdrawal of his petition and return of fees. This was refused and he was balloted for and accepted.

The High Priest ruled that the brother would have to take his degrees in the North Carolina Chapter or forfeit his fees. He suggested an application for a waiver.

The Jurisprudence Committee disagreed with the ruling and expressed the opinion that the brother had a right to withdraw his petition and that the North Carolina Chapter should have acceded to and left the matter for adjustment between the respective Grand High Priests.

Between the conflicting opinions it was not clearly stated where the brother with his home in Tennessee and his dollars in North Carolina, came in. To all appearance they maintained the same doubtfully just and respectful distance.

"One of the noblest monuments to the generosity and fostering care of Masonry is our Widows' and Orphans' Home." He commended it to the attention and liberal support of the Grand Body as well as the individual contributions of its members. The "Ways and Means" Committee however, reported

"In view of the fact that the Grand Chapter may possibly find itself without a meeting place the coming year, we recommend that no appropriation be made to the Endowment Fund of the Home by the present Grand Convocation."

The system of Chapter inspection worked well and will do better. According to the Committee's report, it exposed a condition of affairs demanding prompt remedial measures.

"Without going into detail, we find a lamentable condition in many of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, to wit: Loose methods, poor equipments, lack of interest, inefficient and incompetent officers, and above all, spurious, illegal and improper methods of imparting the secret work of the Chapter. We think this should be stopped at once, if it takes the severest and most drastic methods to do so."

A petition was received signed by ten Royal Arch Masons, seeking to revive the defunct Chapter at Savannah, Texas. The petitioners are young men, and very anxious to possess a Chapter having several flourishing lodges to draw from. A dispensation to revive the Chapter was recommended and approved.

M. E. Comp. J. H. McClister reviewed fifty-two volumes of proceedings, no light duty, and presents an entertaining report as the result. Canada for 1907 is treated with his usual courteous criticism.

He believes as we do, that the P. M. degree is superfluous in the R. A. system.

Charles Comstock, Crossville, Grand High Priest.

Wm. A. Clendenning, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

**Texas**

Chapters . . 210.

Members . . 12,629.

This is always a busy body. In fact Texas can squeeze more business into its annual assembly than would suffice for any other half dozen Grand Chapters combined. Its record of proceedings is compiled in a ponderous volume that takes careful reading to reach conclusions. The tome before us is that of the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Waco on December 2nd, 1907.

There are two hundred and ten active Chapters, but of this number some may be expected ere long to take their places in the Lone Star mausoleum where, although the Grand Chapter has yet to see its sixtieth birthday, no less than sixty-six have been laid gently away. The list of the dear departed is carefully tabulated and published year after year embalmed, as it were, in the hope of a joyful resurrection.

But the leaves fall only to give place to buds in season. If the Chapters demise quickly, the prolific soil gives birth to others with equal or greater rapidity. Thus at this Convocation it was announced by Grand High Priest P. M. Riley that nine Chapters were constituted within the year and applications for nine others had been received, and two that exhibited symptoms of somnolency were given a temporary reviver.

Eloquent and of profound depth was M. E. Companion Riley's greeting to his Companions. In the Grand High Priest, too, one can discern a student of the learned and gentle Dr. Oliver :

" It is my firm conviction that the roll of honor of this age will be the grandest that the ages of men or angels have ever looked upon.

" I would speak a word now of the Masonic institution in the midst of these revolutionary and changeable times.

" She has had a long and eventful history. She is not the child of yesterday. Before the Babe of Bethlehem smiled in the straw of the manger in David's town, Masonry was stalwart and strong, and on her march across the centuries."

Who will now express a doubt as to the great antiquity of the Craft ?

The territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter in Mexico City, the only one in the republic, engaged not a little of his attention. To limit it to the State in which it is located would crib, cabin and confine its usefulness and probably do injustice to Master Masons living without that boundary. He therefore gave the Chapter temporary sway over the entire republic until the present meeting. This found favor and the privilege was enlarged until the territory was occupied by a legitimate body.

He was asked whether a subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is authorized to request a subordinate Chapter in another jurisdiction to confer degrees on a candidate by courtesy. He replied in the negative, adding : " It seems but legitimate to infer that this Grand Chapter would not allow one of its subordinate Chapters to ask a Chapter in another jurisdiction to do what it would not itself do for the other jurisdiction." Which, from an outside viewpoint, seems fraternally churlish, to say the least.

His decision that a Past High Priest who demits and remains unaffiliated for five or six years is not a Past High Priest when he returns, is another inexplicable pronouncement.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable action heretofore on all similar recommendations, he urged that this Grand Chapter declare itself in favor of the doctrine of dependent membership, and it did.

The Grand Treasurer reported that the supply of jewels for Past Grand High Priests was exhausted, and suggested that the Finance Committee provide more.

The Committee appointed to arrange measures for an absolute divorce of the Cryptic degrees from Capitular Masonry and restore them to their former protector, the Grand Council, brought in a very complete report

making provision for an easy separation and a readjustment of the scale of fees, as well as something substantial to set the Grand Council on its feet again. The report opened with this bit of information :

“ Authorities differ as to the origin of the Cryptic degrees, but it appears to be well established that in *some* form they were brought to this country from England, France or Germany. There is no evidence that the degrees in their *present* form were ever known or practised outside of our own country until about the commencement of the last century, and the general opinion of Masonic authorities now is that they are the work of early American ritualists.”

The special committee on the revision of the esoteric work and ritual of the Grand Chapter presented their report, consideration of which was postponed until after an exemplification of the changes proposed, which was then given by a member of the Committee on Work, and this is how it was done :

“ In view of the fact that we have neither written, printed nor cipher ritual in this jurisdiction, but have ever thought it both wise and in keeping with the true spirit of Masonry, to instruct and teach the attentive Companion in the good old-fashioned way—from mouth to ear—it became necessary for one or more members of the committee to recite verbally the work and ritual to the entire committee, and changes were suggested and discussed as the degree work and lectures thus progressed.”

“ Our report and recommendations do not comprehend any real change in our ritual, but, on the contrary, eradicate certain grammatical errors that have crept in, and at the same time render the work more easily learned and retained.”

“ A member of this committee will orally recite to the Grand Chapter the alterations agreed on, and call attention to the changes in language recommended, to which we fraternally invite your careful attention and consideration.”

It seems hardly credible that these intelligent Texan Companions, who require no written or printed aid, but depend wholly on their retentive “ think tank ” would perpetuate grammatical errors imparted to them by a probably less particular preceptor and accept them as the correct article. Yet that is just what the report infers.



The Grand Orator delivered an eloquent address, taking as his text, "Do whatever your hand finds to do with your might," in the course of which he insinuated this illustrative anecdote :

"This reminds me of a story of a boatman with two passengers in a frail craft on a lake in Scotland. One passenger was a large man, the other a very small man ; both passengers were preachers. A storm arose, endangering the lives of all three, and it was very important that the nearest shore be speedily reached. Both passengers, possessed of faith, knelt in the bottom of the boat and began to pray. The boatman, having less faith and more strength, gave the large man a kick and said, "You take an oar, let the little man pray."

The proposition of 1906 to consider the establishment of a Home for Aged Masons was favored in a report by a specially appointed Committee, who planned out the preliminaries.

Companion John L. Terrell's contribution to the volume is, after all the previous reading, most welcome. His report on Correspondence is written with all his old vim and brilliancy and absorbs one from the outset. Under Alabama he notes a Chapter by-law which provides for a St. John's Day meeting, and asks, "What has Capitular Masonry to do with St. John's Day ?"

Just as much claim to it as Symbolic Masonry has, if "ancient usage" be accepted. Why are the Saints John in Craft Masonry at all ? A little "sun"-light on that question might enlighten many.

He had our 1907 proceedings to review, and did it to the extent of four pages, and it looks as if we are inclining that way too, but cannot help it. To the Grand Z.'s remark re the preliminary degrees being honorary, he rejoins :

"The foregoing, it occurs to us, is not applicable to the American system. The four degrees constitute the Chapter degrees, as the three degrees constitute the Blue Lodge degrees, and we see no reason why a separate fee should not be fixed for each degree. It may be argued that the brother would get but little benefit by receiving only the Mark Master's Degree, and so it may be argued in this day and generation that he would derive but little benefit by taking the Entered Apprentice only. We believe it is universal to charge a separate fee for each of the Blue Lodge degrees."

With his abundant and almost comprehensive knowledge, Comp. Terrell has, like ourselves, yet to learn. It is doubtful if there is one single English speaking jurisdiction outside the United States that charges a separate fee for each of the Blue Lodge degrees. It certainly is not so on this continent, nor in England, Ireland and Scotland, or the Grand Lodges of Australia. The fee paid under all those jurisdictions is for *initiation*; the other degrees are conferred "for merit and ability." Contrariwise the fee in the Capitular system is for the Royal Arch; the attachments, where tacked on, are merely preparatory.

The American system as perceived by Companion Terrell may not be so general as he fancies, for on glancing at South Carolina, we find that a Committee of wise Companions deliver themselves thus :

"When one is balloted on in a Chapter, it is to take the Royal Arch degree, and the other degrees are merely incidental and necessary only to fit him for that degree."

There is a wealth of good things to quote, but we must refrain, or there may be trouble. There is one little gem, however, that cannot be passed. In his review of Maryland he says nice things, and deservedly, of the veteran writer of that jurisdiction, Companion Schultz, and adds :

"Under Canada, we learn that Companion Schultz was present at the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1857, and was honored with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Z."

He found that, "under" Canada. Well, we must believe him, for he certainly never discovered it on the surface. It only serves to show to what lengths some men of "deep" research can delve and the amazing revelations to be made by persistent labor. "Do whatever your hand finds to do, with your might."

Charles F. Smith, McGregor, Grand High Priest.

John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Grand Secretary.

**Vermont**

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 3922.

The proceedings of the Ninetieth Annual Convocation at Burlington on the 14th June, 1907, were characterized by the harmonious Companionship that has hitherto been the feature of Vermont's official gatherings. Substantial gains and uniform working were reported from all points. Grand High Priest David A. Elliott was not burdened with appeals. "A few minor difficulties have arisen, but in every instance I found that the Companions involved were inclined to treat each other with consideration."

He regretted the removal to another jurisdiction of the Grand Lecturer, Rev. Comp. Mathison, a ritualist of ability and zealous in the cause.

A codification of Capitular law, he said, was urgently needed, and recommended the appointment of a Committee.

A Companion moved that in view of the excellent financial condition of Grand Chapter, and in some cases the subordinate Chapters being under expense that exhausts their income, that the present dues of \$4.00 for Mark and \$3.00 for Royal Arch degrees be reduced to \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

This the Finance Committee declared to be inexpedient at the present time and that the existing tax was equitable. The mover, however, persisted, and he carried Grand Chapter with him.

Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins contributes his customary sparkling report on Correspondence, which includes Canada for 1907 in a generous two page review. He drops a corrective hint to Companion Barlow in passing

"Under Canada, he must have been napping to say that the communication of the intermediate degrees free of charge upon English made Royal Arch Masons applies only to cases of affiliation and not to visitors, *vide* Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter."

With regret we observed from his footnote that illness had delayed and curtailed his report, but that he is again in enjoyment of his former vigor is indicated in his good work in the following year.

1908.

M. E. Comp. Collins Blakely, as Grand High Priest, was privileged to open the Ninety-first Annual Convocation in Burlington, as usual, on 12th June, 1908, and devoted the major part of his address to biographical sketches of departed Companions of the constituent Chapters,

" We have come here from many of the thriving hamlets near to and bordering placid Champlain, from beneath the shadows of the towering shaft of historic Bennington, and all along to the boundary line separating us from our friends of Quebec, as well as from the other side of our great natural divide geographically, and limited on the east largely by the flowing Connecticut. From throughout this territory have we come to this, as it were, our Mecca, all intent toward one common purpose, and are seated within the walls and under the canopy of this beautiful and spacious temple."

He attended the four district Convocations and pronounced the general condition healthy and prosperous.

He acceded to the request of Companions at Fair Haven for a new Chapter.

Responding to a query he said that any member of a Chapter was eligible for the highest office.

He found that the aprons worn in some of the Chapters are not designed with the proper emblem. The General Grand Chapter has prescribed that a Royal Arch apron should be lined and bound with scarlet, on the flap of which should be placed a triple tau cross, within a triangle and all within a circle. He advised all Chapters to conform to regulation.

The perusal and study of the Correspondence reports he enjoined on the Companions " If every Royal Arch

Mason would carefully peruse these reports, and thus in a measure become familiar with the doings in other Grand Jurisdictions, they would feel amply rewarded for the time and labor so spent."

The resolution *re* the reduction of fees which apparently found favor at the previous Convocation, was curiously enough introduced again. The Finance Committee again opposed it vigorously and this time the Committee won. Will it be brought forward a third time? We confess to being puzzled.

One of the visiting officers reported of a Chapter "no work was done other than that of 'calling on' and the usual routine and 'calling off.' Of their work, therefore, I am unable to judge." A rather free and easy way of dealing with an inspecting official. In concluding his report he remarks:

"I find a number of chapters that do not regularly open or close, but are at 'refreshment' and simply 'call on' and do their work and then 'call off,' as they term it. If this is not legal, it should not be allowed. Books are used that are not Vermont work, and this should not be, indeed book conferred Masonry does not make a very deep impression on a candidate."

Such a condition of affairs even in remote corners of this jurisdiction of unlimited possibilities would create little short of a panic when discovered.

M. E. Comp. Perkins had our jubilee record under inspection and went through it carefully.

"The handsome volume has for a frontispiece the portraits of the Grand Officers, and is further embellished with a photo reproduction of the Past Grand First Principals of Grand Chapter, since its organization in 1857."

"The reports of the Grand Superintendents again afford interesting reading, and are characterized by a strong note of confidence in the future of the Order, besides containing records of difficult and exacting work faithfully performed. They report new activity and life, notably in the Great West, where several chapters that were regarded as dead are now 'brimful of energy and daily growing in power and usefulness.'"

He extracts freely from M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson's historical address and the report on Correspondence.

In closing a most interesting and enlightening review, he says :

“ Peace and prosperity have been found nearly everywhere, the only visible sign of discontent being attributed to the continued, unwarranted refusal of our British cousins to concede the right of their Australian kindred to unhampered, independent home government. Meanwhile the sympathy, if not active support, of the rest of the Capitular world is with the latter, and the justice of a righteous cause can but ultimately prevail.”

Olin W. Daley, White River Junc., Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

### ***Victoria***

“ In Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form ” this Supreme Grand Chapter is invariably opened, but when the Grand Z. happens to miss connection the “ Ample ” is omitted.

At the October, 1906, Convocation M. E. Comp. Phillip Cohen was present, and the opening lost nothing in dignity.

The Grand Registrar drew attention to the manner in which the appointment of three Country members to the Committee of General Purposes had been made, the Rules and Regulations providing that the members should be elected by Grand Chapter, having been overlooked.

R. E. Comp. H. M. Knight, G. H. read a paper on “ The Colors of Freemasonry,” and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

In January the Grand Z. was re-nominated for another term, and a new Chapter was added to the roll.

Comp. H. W. Sinclair, P.G.J., delivered a lecture entitled—“ What is Royal Arch Freemasonry ?” and Comp. H. R. Williams brightened up the April meeting with a paper on “ The Jewel Lecture.” He was one of those honored with the rank of Past Grand J. at the installation Convocation in July.



Canada's proceedings, with others, were acknowledged at that meeting.

In October the Committee of General Purposes reported that leave of absence for the remainder of the year had been granted the Grand Janitor "on full pay," and recommended the forfeiture of the charters of Beechworth, St. John, Australasian, Kilwinning and Duke of Albany Chapters.

The above recalls the connection with Canada for the two last named Chapters were brought to life under the authority of this Grand Chapter.

A Companion stated that the First Grand Principal was 55 years old that day, and moved that the congratulations of the members of Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes.

The January, 1908 Convocation was marked by a series of notices to amend the regulations and the following was offered :

“That in the opinion of Grand Chapter it is desirable that a Chapter of Instruction should be formed under the guidance of an experienced Lecture Master to be appointed from time to time by Grand Chapter, at which regular instruction should be given in the work of R.A. Freemasonry, for the better exemplification of the degree.”

The Grand First Principal's address was read to the Companions at the July Convocation by the Grand Scribe E., although the author was present. The story of this visit to New South Wales was interesting :

“I regret to inform Grand Chapter that I have received the resignation of R.E. Companion John Braim, of his office as Grand Scribe E., which he has held for the past fourteen years, owing, I understand, to his whole time and attention being required to his duties as Grand Secretary.”

Canada's worthy representative, a diligent attender, M. E. Comp. J. Damer Drew, P.G.Z., moved that a very hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the M. E. First Grand Principal for the time and attention devoted by him to the requirements of the private Chapters in the territory.

The jubilee volume of Canada's preceedings was acknowledged at this Convocation.

The selection of a Companion to succeed the retiring Grand Scribe E. was left to the Committee of General Purposes.

Owing to illness the Grand First Principal elect was unable to be present, and his installation was effected at a special Convocation in August.

Thomas P. Derham, Melbourne, Grand Z.

John Braim, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

### ***Virginia***

Chapters .. 60.

Members .. 5,168.

A convention of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, on May 3rd, 1806, consisting of representatives from the Chapter at Norfolk and the Chapter at Richmond (now No. 3), at which it was determined to draw up a plan of Constitution for the government of the several Chapters in Virginia.

Three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons existed in Virginia, prior to March, 1772, viz., Norfolk, Staunton and Richmond. These Chapters were working under authority of the lodge warrant.

A fourth Chapter, Dumfries, now defunct, had been organized later. The plan of Constitution was ratified by the three Chapters at Norfolk on May 1st, 1808.

It was quite appropriate, then, that the One Hundredth Annual Convocation on the 7th October, 1907, should be held in the city of Grand Chapter's birth, and to the happy lot of Companion Robert Minter Ferguson, Grand High Priest, fell the honor of presiding. From the opening of his address the foregoing remarks touching the origin of the organization are gathered.

Two of Virginia's veterans had been summoned the previous month and within a week of each other. Both

had been members of the same Chapter and both had distinguished records, viz., Past Grand High Priests Robert Enoch Withers and Robert Templeman Craig-hill.

Grand Tyler W. C. Wilkinson, who had served in that office for many years, was not fated to see the century celebration. Death had claimed him.

He deputed the Grand Lecturer to constitute five Chapters chartered the previous year and authorized the starting of three others.

He also deputed other officers to represent him at the Convocations of the Grand Chapters West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina, whither he had been invited.

There were some little contentions as to jurisdiction of Chapters and a case of wrong declaration of ballot which occasioned much correspondence and delivery of opinion, involving the consumption of much time and printers' ink, and which could easily have been disposed of in a paragraph. It is noted that the Committee recommended "That hereafter the Grand High Priest's address be not printed until it shall have been reported on by the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address."

The Grand High Priest cordially welcomed the Grand Representatives to the Centennial Convocation, and invited them to participate in the "labors, joys and festivities of the occasion," and requested them to extend to their several Grand Jurisdictions the fraternal regard and best wishes of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

The celebration exercises were elaborate and had been arranged by a capable Committee. The Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, held near Norfolk, afforded an opportunity for unusual publicity, and the Committee were enabled to secure such a recognition of Royal Arch Masonry and the Grand Chapter of Virginia

by the State, the Administration of the Exposition and the city of Norfolk, Va., as would not have been possible under other conditions. The local Companions too were most hospitable.

As a souvenir, the Committee had prepared, of oxidized silver, a Medal and Pin emblematic in design and suitably inscribed commemorative of the event, one of which we were proud to receive and hereby gratefully acknowledge.

Past Grand Master Duke of Virginia delivered a fine address.

"To the outside world the organization known as Royal Arch Masons is comparatively little known. The fraternity of Free Masons is of course known the world over. It has given words to the language, ideas to humanity and its works are beheld, as well as mentioned by men. Master Masons are seen in public processions—now engaged in the last remnant of operative work—the laying of corner-stones—and now in solemn train accompanying the body of a deceased brother to his last resting place. The organization of Knights Templars, with its plumed and belted hosts, is no strange sight in our cities, and its uniformed, well-drilled commanderies give the world an opportunity to become acquainted with the outward form and ceremony of Christian knighthood. But Capitulary Masonry, as it is called—the degrees under the control and rule of the Royal Arch Chapters, standing midway between the Blue Lodge and the Commandery—is never seen outside of its own temple. It has no work to do that the world may see. No procession to form—no drill to catch the eye. Unseen and quietly it goes on its way, and what it does is alone for the eyes of its own members and the eye of God."

Thereafter the address reviewed the history of the Capitular Craft with special reference to Virginia and the part it played in early days and subsequent progress.

Companion Chas. A. Nesbitt's report on Correspondence is largely extract. Canada for 1906 receiving attention of that nature, indeed he evinced a very decided distaste to obtruding any original opinion.

John Henry Fisher, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

**Washington**

Chapters . . 28.

Members . . 2,626.

Francis B. West, M. E. Grand High Priest, had a quiet and prosperous year. He realized his great responsibility, but as he said to his Companions when the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was opened in Tacoma, on June 19th, 1908,

"No one with lofty ideals is able to accomplish all that his hopes may have planned or his ambition conceived."

He paid tribute to the Masonic worth of Past Grand High Priest Carmi Dibble who passed away in the previous January.

From one of the Chapters he had the modest request for permission to amend the by-laws so as to allow "ministers of the Gospel" to be admitted upon payment of that portion of the fee only which must be sent to Grand Chapter. He refused, of course, adding :

"As to the propriety of such an amendment will say, that it has been my experience, that any object achieved without effort and expense is not properly appreciated in the large majority of cases, and I feel that a minister should come into a Chapter of his own free will and accord, with no extra inducements, and on an equal footing with his brethren."

Three dispensations for new Chapters were issued, and he personally visited a large majority of the Chapters where he found uniform working, the General Grand's ritual being correctly rendered and "in a proper spirit."

Companion Alonzo C. Bowman, Grand Orator, delivered himself of a powerful preparation, which was largely a warning to the fraternity to heed the signs of the times and pay dutiful attention to Masonry's demands upon its members.

"About fifty years ago the Christian religion in this country reached its zenith in point of membership. Since then numerically, in proportion to our population, it has been losing ground. To-day, the leaders of the various great sects are seeking for the cause, and doing everything in their power to avert impending disaster. I say this simply because the statistics of these various organizations warrant it, and as having a bearing on our duty as Masons."

Grand Secretary Blalock presented a most gratifying report showing a net gain for the year of 269 with all the Chapters heard from.

Very properly the Finance Committee recommended and Grand Chapter endorsed, a two hundred dollar increase to his salary.

All is peace, in Washington, the "trouble" Committee reported nothing doing.

Grand Secretary Blalock is, as of yore, the Correspondent and wielded the scissors generously over Canada's jubilee volume. We had expressed regret at not hearing more from the good Companion himself as he refrained from any general comment, and suggested that like the Irishman's parrot, he was a powerful thinker.

"I do not think Companion Bennett ever met us or he would not think so. We can, and do say, 'a heap 'o things' here at home. That is the reason the Grand Chapter shut us up in the Correspondence line years ago. Since then we feel like the parrot who got out of his cage and fell in with a lot of crows and talked too ——— much. We hope to meet the Companion some time, then we shall see each other anyway."

And that encounter is by no means an improbability. We'll do something more than "see each other," probably starting off with a duet

"And doth not a meeting like this make amends?"

Several of the reporters had levelled a shaft at Washington for its law. charging visiting R. A. Masons for conferring a missing preliminary degree, but he lightly passes them by until he comes to Vermont where Comp. Perkins, having questioned Companion Blalock on the matter, remarked "In other words shekels before fraternal comity every time."

This was too much and Companion Blalock breaks the silence :

"We are taught in the E. A. Degree that Justice was one of the cardinal virtues to be practised as a Mason. We would ask Companion Perkins, is it justice to expect a brother *claiming* to be a Companion, applying to visit a Chapter, who has not received the Past and Most Excellent Degrees, and then give



them to him, as most of our Chapters do ? We charge our own candidates for these same degrees, and our Grand Chapter in its goodness has made the fee only one half that charged our Washington brethren. Why, then, raise such a roar ? Are the brethren from Canada, or any foreign jurisdiction, any better than we of this State ? It is not the money, but the principle, we are contending for. We have met many estimable brethren from Canada, but we think we are just as good and entitled to just as many privileges as they. Let Canada get into line and confer these degrees, and we have nothing to say ; but to turn a brother or Companion out with the assurance that he is a Royal Arch Mason and as such entitled to all its rights and benefits, we feel that he should be told that in the large majority of the jurisdictions in these United States it is otherwise ; then he would be prepared, in a way, to do as our requirements are.

“ We have answered Companion Bennett before, and are ready to reply to him again, as well as Companion Perkins, if they wish, but insist that we are right in principle, ‘ fraternal comity ’ or ‘ splendid isolation ’ to the contrary notwithstanding.”

“ Don’t be alarmed, Companion. Your former reply was ample and fancy we intimated an intention of leaving Washington to itself in this peculiar phase of fraternity. We have said our say, but we enjoy quoting opinions of others merely to inform our Companions of matters and to strengthen our claim that Washington is alone in establishing and clinging to her own home-made “principle.” Here is an Illinois view of the question to help the good work along :

“ I have often heard, when attending Masonic social functions, that inspiring sentiment, “ The Craft Universal.” What does it mean ? In symbolic Masonry, perhaps, it may have a definite signification. In Capitular Masonry, or, to be more exact, in the Capitular Masonry of the United States, it seems to be a sort of glittering generality. No English R. A. M. may visit an Illinois Chapter on his foreign diploma. There is no question as to his identity, nor with respect to his Masonic standing, but—he is not a M.M., nor a M. E. M. In other words, he has not taken a few degrees that have no relation whatever to Royal Arch Masonry, and, for this reason, he is debarred the ancient Masonic right of visitation.

“ In Illinois we have long seen the inconsistency of such a course, and so, to conform to the letter of our own law and at the same time to the spirit of Masonry universal, we obligate the visitor without charge and then admit him to the tabernacle. But not all jurisdictions follow this course. Thus, in Washington the visitor must submit to the ordeals of a Master Mason

and if received must cough up the fees the same as any other candidate. Our Washington Companions justify their action by a line of reasoning that does not commend itself to the moral sense. Masonic degrees were never intended to be articles of merchandise ; to be bought, and paid for.

In fact Washington among the numerous jurisdictions of the continent is alone in this matter and recognizing its solitary glory is obstinately determined to retain it.

"What !" exclaimed the judge, when the foreman of the jury announced that they could not come to an agreement, "in the face of such point-blank evidence you cannot agree ? You must agree. Gentlemen, go back to your room and remain there until court resumes three hours hence. I will see that twelve dinners are procured and sent to you."

"I beg your pardon, Jedge," remarked the foreman, "might I be allowed to offer an amendment to that there proposition ? Make it eleven dinners and one bundle of hay."

Robert L. McCroskey, Colfax, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

### ***Western Australia***

Chapters .. 9.

Members .. 333.

This young and virile Grand Chapter was sadly afflicted in the loss by death of its First Grand Principal M. E. Companion Michael Samson on the 22nd September, 1907. With his customary vigor he presided at the semi-annual Convocation, held on the 26th March, previously and touchingly referred in his address to the continued silence of the mother Grand Chapters in the matter of recognition and to the deferred action of many other Grand Bodies who were simply waiting for them to move.

"Meanwhile, Companions, let us patiently wait for this act of mere justice and with humble reliance upon the assistance of the Most High prove ourselves worthy to be the guardians in this State of the exalted degree of the Holy Royal Arch."

The deceased Companion was held in the highest regard as a Mason and citizen. He had attained to the rank of pro Grand Master in the Grand Lodge and when the Grand Chapter was constituted in 1904, he was unanimously selected as its First Grand Principal, and had been annually re-elected, and amongst the recommendations to be submitted to the next Convocation it was proposed to again place him in the position he filled so honorably and usefully. The late Grand Principal had given more than 40 years of active, honorable, and beneficent service to the craft.

The Deputy Grand Principal in addressing the Convocation, said of him :

“ I have only had the privilege and opportunity of knowing him for but a few years. Yet, Companions, it should not take long to recognize ‘ a good man and a true Mason,’ and Michael Samson was truly in every sense of the word ‘ a good man,’ and therefore a ‘ true Mason.’ He was a social and lovable man, an agreeable companion, a firm friend, and a wise counsellor. He impressed one by his devotion to the Craft, his high sense of duty, his unfailing cheerfulness and good humor. Of his liberal and unostentatious benevolence, I can speak with full knowledge. Charity in its widest significance—in thought as well as in word and deed ‘ Masonic Charity ’—he taught and practised, for he spoke only ‘ the tongue of good report ’ concerning others. He was held in universal esteem by his fellow citizens, and at the time of his death had nearly completed his second term as Mayor of Fremantle. In his death, Masonry has lost a faithful, earnest worker and the community a valued and respected citizen. And as he lived, so he died—peacefully—whilst sitting in his chair conversing with his family the silent messenger entered. Peacefully he lived, and peacefully he died.”

Grand Chapter was officially represented at the funeral in regalia, and a general dispensation was granted to all Royal Arch Masons under Grand Chapter to wear Royal Arch clothing—the mourning consisting of a black rosette on the sash.

At the Convocation which was held five days after Companion Samson's death, it was resolved that the election and installation of a First Grand Principal be postponed for three months to a special Grand Convocation to be then called for that purpose.

Grand Chapter under the genial sway of the M. E. Companion Samson had been steadily progressing. A new Chapter was formed and started at Leonora, and as the selected Principals had not attained the rank of Installed Master in their lodge a special dispensation was issued.

The sooner Western Australia and her sister bodies under the Southern Cross abolish the qualification of "Installed Master," the sooner will Royal Arch Masonry become the active agent for good they hope for it. This gratuitous hint is offered in all good faith because it is born of experience.

Companions at Broome, Carnarvon, Geraldton and Ravensthorpe were, at time of writing, agitating towards the erection of Chapters.

M. E. Comp. Stevenson, who was about to take a trip to the old land, was commissioned to interview the officials of the mother Grand Chapters with a view to having the ban removed.

E. Casper, Perth, Deputy Grand Z.

Horace B. Joseph, Perth, Grand Scribe E.

### ***West Virginia***

Chapters . . 34.

Members . . 4,233.

Like most other Grand Chapters West Virginia shows an increase in subordinates and membership and the prospects for a continuation of the good work are bright.

Grand High Priest Joseph C. LaSage was very hopeful of the future when addressing the Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation at Parkersburg on the 12th November, 1907, and as he studied the reports from other Grand Bodies was able to tell his Companions that they were not alone in the "search for light."

He deplored the death of Past Grand High Priest George Davis who passed away at Denver, Colo., in the previous November.

He devoted considerable attention to the matter of Grand Representatives and noted cases where appointees displayed a sense of the honor conferred.

" I heartily commend such interest on the part of Grand Representatives, and would urge that they be instructed to communicate annually with the Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction which they represent and put into his possession timely reports, be they ever so brief, of important facts connected with each Grand Annual Convocation which they attend. By this means the Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction under which they are commissioned is kept informed of important matters ; is brought in closer touch with his Representatives near another Grand Jurisdiction, and the Representative is made to feel that a responsibility rests upon him which he is in honor bound to sustain creditably, and which is a healthy stimulus to his interests in the affairs of Capitular Masonry."

He authorized the institution of two new Chapters and another application he passed on for Grand Chapter's consideration.

One of the dispensations asked for was to put a Chapter "on wheels" for the "convenience of candidates" residing at a place remote from the location of the Chapter. This request he very properly denied.

He complained with some justice of the tardiness of Chapter secretaries in sending in their reports and observed that those new in office were not by any means the most blameworthy.

Visitations by Grand Officers revealed an apathy and lack of interest in a number of the Chapters due mainly to incompetent officers.

" If we desire to infuse new life into the Chapter, we must perfect ourselves in the ritual, and give those who desire to advance in Masonry that for which they pay, and that which this Grand Chapter authorizes."

The "funny man" was in evidence too, for the reports indicated that too much levity was being injected into the Royal Arch degree.

" It should be borne in mind that many candidates for these degrees accept seriously from the beginning our forms and ceremonies, and that good impressions are often spoiled



by using the candidate in such a manner as to impress him that advantages are being taken of him. This is a misconception of the purposes of the degree, and an actual detriment to the Chapter."

It was decided to hold a meeting of representatives of the Chapters for purposes of instruction by the Grand Lecturer on the Monday preceding the Annual Convocation and that each representative be allowed per diem for his attendance.

Companion J. D. Baines furnishes a most complete review of the Grand Chapters. Each is treated to "solid matter" in more senses than one. He starts with one expansive inhalation and never again draws breath until he is ready for the next volume. The method may economise in white paper, but surely his truly excellent report would be improved and made readably attractive by more frequent paragraphing. As it is, many a good thing is in danger of being over-looked. With Canada for 1907 he stayed some time and missed nothing.

"We believe that no other Grand Jurisdiction has a system of superintendence and inspection at all comparable to that of Canada. The reports of the eighteen Grand Superintendents convince one that they are men of unusual intelligence and ability. The Grand Superintendent does not hold an honorary office. He has work to do, hard work, and he does it. He does not hesitate to criticize and report faults and irregularities in work or business. He has large powers, for the time being representing the Grand Z. He exacts obedience. If he fails to visit a Chapter in his district, he must give a good explanation of his failure to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter. Very few of the Superintendents failed to visit all the Chapters in their several districts, but in the cases of the very few Chapters not visited, the Executive Committee reminded the Grand Superintendents that hereafter when, from sickness or other cause, it was impracticable to visit every one of their Chapters personally, they must delegate the visitation to some one competent to do the work. We find nowhere that the expense of this visitation is paid for by the Grand Chapter."

The honor of the position is considered ample recompense by these self-sacrificing Companions. It is purely a labor of love. They are invariably selected because of their ability not only to instruct and inspect,



but also to be able to cover the territory entrusted to them, at their own expense, territory in some cases greater than the limits of a number of the jurisdictions that occasionally wax merry at Canada's methods. If the sincere, but thoughtless, reviewer would but pause to consider the "magnificent distances" and the hardships and difficulties those officers have to encounter in order to connect with places remote and thus accomplish their duty, a more generous allowance would be made for apparent derelictions. In the above, Companion Baines does these earnest Companions but merited justice.

His report sparkles with bright sayings and he can be caustic too. Observing in one jurisdiction that legislation was prepared affecting Grand Chapter membership and which he considered defective.

"The Grand Chaplain usually knows nothing, and is not expected to know anything, about the 'work,' yet he, as Past Grand Chaplain, becomes a 'permanent member,' and therefore, by the wording of this amendment, is eligible to the appointment of Grand Captain of the Host, a place which he probably could not fill if his life depended upon it."

Under Nebraska he thus refers to the organization referred to once by another flippant reporter as "hen Masonry."

"When he constituted Rabboni Chapter and publicly installed its officers, he mentions that there were present a large number of members of the 'Eastern Star.' Why mention them? They are not Masons. Some of them may be 'mannish,' but as we understand the situation, most of them are women still."

He has about equal admiration for the annually prepared dish of sentiment which a few jurisdictions serve up.

"Washington has a Great Orator, and he delivered an 'oration,' which reads like the production of a school boy. 'Orations' always do."

In addition to his fine review he puts a few thoughts into words at the close and they are generally pertinent. While this part of the report is critical it is not used as a

cover for "sniping" purposes, nor a mirror in which to gaze upon his own reflection. On the contrary he does not spare himself nor those he writes for. His "Remarks" might well be taken home.

"Usually those whose duty is to visit and inspect Chapters, make such rambling reports that they are valueless. Facts—cold facts—are wanted. Accounts of dinners, rides, descriptions of scenery, the meeting of old friends and so forth, are out of place."

"The forms upon which the Canadian Grand Superintendents are required to make their reports would serve as excellent models. Neither correct nor useful deductions can be drawn from the kind of reports generally printed in Grand Chapter Proceedings."

He had some pointed and original views on "Errors in Masonry," and the cumbrous machinery employed in doing the work of the Grand Chapter. Titles he despises.

"What with 'Most Worshipful,' 'Right Worshipful,' 'Most Excellent,' 'Right Excellent,' 'Thrice Illustrious,' 'Eminent Commander,' 'Generalissimo,' and 'Potentate,' one's head swims. Cannot something be done to relieve the situation? We all feel half ashamed of these titles, and we know that the public laughs at them—and us."

"Think of 'Past District Deputy Grand High Priest John Smith.' Poor John! Besides, it uses up all the capitals the printer has."

And the Shrine he lashes with no light hand.

"The Shrine, of which we are a member, is destroying Masonry. We accept full responsibility for this statement. Thousands of thoughtful Royal Arch Masons fully agree with us in this opinion. This condition of things has resulted in a sentiment that Lodge or Chapter Masonry is only a stepping-stone; in consequence, a mere Master Mason, or a mere Royal Arch Mason stands discredited in the estimation of thousands who have attained the Shrine."

And he winds up with characteristic bluntness.

"Even if the Foreign Correspondence Report is exceedingly dry, and it usually is so, unless the Correspondent knows how to gossip, very few are called upon to read it. In the foregoing Remarks, possibly we have said some things we ought not to have said; if so, we are glad we said them, for they are all gospel truth."

With the correspondent he has little or nothing to say and therefore ignores "gossip." It is sufficient for him to remark that the Committee furnished a report or that it was "full"; the report, not the Committee.

Tom G. Strickler, Ellenboro', Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

### ***Wisconsin***

Chapters .. 82.

Members .. 8,533.

It was "on the Royal Arch degree" that the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form in Milwaukee, on the 18th February, 1908.

 Grand High Priest Homer B. Hubbell having explained to his Companions what the functions of Grand Chapter and his own duties were, pointed to the growth of the organization in its fifty-eighth year of existence, and what it had accomplished in the period over which it was blessed with his benign governing influence. He announced an unprecedented increase in membership during the year. A net gain of 524 members, being the largest increase in any single year since the organization of Grand Chapter.

He had visited fourteen of the Chapters and enjoyed himself at each. His own Chapter "Beaver Dam," gave him a special reception to which a number of greater lights were invited.

"Our militant Grand Chaplain, who knows no such word as fail, came down from La Crosse to Portage, missed the connecting train at Portage, went on to Columbus, hired a rig there and drove up through the rain and mud twelve miles to Beaver Dam, where he finished his journey over the rough and rugged road just as the candidates were beginning theirs. God bless him !

Amen. But who could dwell on hardship when the warmth and generosity of a banquet "served by the

sisters of the Eastern Star " was considered. No wonder " the silver haired veterans " wanted to make a night of it, and, as it was, they kept the revelry going until three o'clock a.m.

Three applications for new Chapters commanded the personal attention of the G. H. P., who examined the territory and prospects himself before issuing his authority.

He was asked to sanction the use of " two " substitutes in a peculiar case. A brother M. E. M. and eligible for exaltation had engaged steamship passage to Europe for a certain day. He was going to visit his old home in Denmark and desired to sit in Lodge with his father and other relatives, but could not do so in that country without the Royal Arch degree, which there and in other European countries is a part of the Symbolic Lodge work. The G. H. P. very properly exercised his prerogative and thus made happy the home-returning brother, but urged that this must not be taken as a precedent for similar action elsewhere. Wisconsin's regulation in the matter of substitutes is strict and he cited the General Grand's elasticity on the same subject as a plea for a little of the commodity in his jurisdiction. Grand Chapter, however, was immovable.

Grand Lodge had urged the securing of an adding machine " "for the secretarial departments of the three Grand Lodges, the cost, \$300, to be borne *pro rata*. This was agreed to.

The " obituaries " Committee presented an elaborate report which is, in its way, a glittering achievement, and in which a vast host of great men, dead and living, are marshalled forth to substantiate the theme of the paper, " life immortal."

The new Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized and sympathetic letters were sent to distinguished Companions who were laid low by sickness or whose homes had recently been invaded by death.

Companion Swain, P.G.H.P., presents his twenty-fourth report on correspondence.

"Within the year just closed three correspondents have passed to the other shore: Savery, of Mississippi; Montgomery, of Minnesota, and Hedges, of Montana. Savery was the oldest in point of years, and had written about twenty-four reports for the Grand Chapter. He will be missed by Mississippi. He is succeeded by De Lap. In fact, they will all be missed."

Poor De Lap. He reviewed Canada for 1907 to the extent of a page, and observing what he did with others, of greater age and consequence we regard ourselves as among the favored.

David Harlowe, Milwaukee, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

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#### CONCLUSION

Companions, the round of the globe has again been completed. From ocean to ocean the jurisdictions of our sister country, from Maine to California and from the border line to the orange groves of the sunny south, have been visited and inspected. We have voyaged too across the Atlantic and looked in at the workings of the mother lands and anon sailed the vast Pacific where, under the Southern Cross, their thriving offspring are vieing in healthy rivalry to emulate the noble examples of the older worlds. Wherever we have journeyed there is the same praiseworthy desire to advance in knowledge and in strength. It is claimed that there is danger in too much of the latter and that in the end it will prove a calamitous weakness. Surely not, however, if the material is of the required stability. Yet it is observed that Companions of intellect occasionally bend to tolerance in the matter of rigid adherence to ancient usage and even in the compass of this review it will be found that there is too frequently a lamentable eagerness to widen the portals so that the disguised



wolf may fraternize with the lamb. In this fair land we are not entirely free from the contagion and we would again, at the risk of being accused of boredom, urge upon our Companions of Canada to whet anew the tyler's sword and see that a stout right arm wields it.

The plea of the reformer to which a deaf ear should always be turned is "Masonic methods must change to meet new conditions." We cannot do better as a closing exhortation than reproduce an extract from a reply to the innovators' suggestion from an article recently published in that admirable Masonic journal *The Tyler-Keystone*, of Ann Arbor, Michigan :

"It is not apparent to the brother that the changes he advocates are subversive of the very basis of Masonry. There is needed now, and in the American Craft, not more ritual tinkering, but a return toward the ancient simplicity and freedom. The encroachments of faddists, would-be reformers and sectarians have been constant, and the changes they have wrought are not in consonance with the spirit of Freemasonry. These have busied themselves, to the harm of the fraternity, with legislation, with requirements, with ritual."

"The mass of Masons are indifferent or not sufficiently informed to perceive the dangerous tendency, and to protest against the same. As a consequence corrupting changes are not given thought, and innovators have constantly enlarging opportunity. Reformers are usually zealots, and zeal in its place is proper and beneficial. But such zeal is exercised in Masonry to the narrowing of its sphere, and destruction of the universality that is the proudest boast of the fraternity."

"Masonry is not 'the handmaiden of religion,' whatever sectaries may believe or proselyters hope. Of ancient inheritance it holds as essential the eternal truths upon which all religions are ultimately based. Insisting upon these, Masonry allows absolute freedom in all else, and the attempt to include aught that savors of particular creed should meet with instant rebuke and



condemnation. By more than implication the neophyte is assured that nothing in Masonic principles or ceremonies or language can offend the most sensitive mind or conscience."

"At the altar of the fraternity children of the All-Father should meet in amity and accord. Whether these be Jew or Gentile, Moslem or Parsee, Masonry bids them leave their differences and distinctions without its guarded doors, remembering only that they are brothers in very deed and truth. Shall one of these whatever his creed, be shocked by sectarian references and explanations, engrafted uncongruously and unwarrantably upon symbols and ceremonies that have had common meaning and sanctity to Masons of all forms of faith."

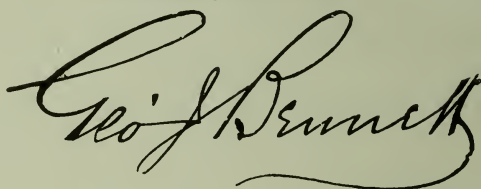
"It is not needful to go far among the jurisdictions to find such innovations, given startling expression in ritualistic phrasing. The landmarks of Masonry are thus glaringly violated at behest and for behoof of a few over zealous sectaries, to the possible offending of true Masons, whose deepest and holiest sentiments may be outraged by these corruptions forced upon the ancient Craft."

Clarion-like this note of warning should be sounded in every lodge room of the English-speaking world. The innovator is abroad, though you may not suspect him by reason of his sophistic garb. He recognizes that a mere leaning to encouragement is as a grain of mustard seed and that his is a waiting game. There is only one remedy for such as he when discovered; instant denunciation and prompt ejection. Freemasonry has encountered many enemies in its long history, and its devoted sons have suffered much tribulation by reason of their steadfast adherence to its ancient principles and tenets, but the modern reformer and parasite are lurking foes whose insidious advances are dangers vastly more menacing and harmful than a Morgan panic or a Pontiff's *brutem fulmen*.

In wishing for our Companions the blessings of a happy New Year, we would urge them to be ever valiant for the welfare and purity of the Ancient Craft which

"Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,  
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Fraternally submitted,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

***Proceedings Reviewed***

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| Alabama.....           | 1907   | Nevada.....           | 1908   |
| Arizona.....           | 1907   | New Brunswick.....    | 1907   |
| Arkansas.....          | 1907   | New Hampshire.....    | 1907-8 |
| California.....        | 1908   | New Jersey.....       | 1908   |
| Colorado.....          | 1908   | New Mexico.....       | 1907   |
| Connecticut.....       | 1908   | New South Wales....   | 1907   |
| Delaware.....          | 1908   | New York.....         | 1908   |
| District of Columbia.. | 1908   | North Carolina.....   | 1908   |
| Florida.....           | 1908   | North Dakota.....     | 1908   |
| Georgia.....           | 1908   | Nova Scotia.....      | 1908   |
| Illinois.....          | 1907   | Ohio.....             | 1907   |
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| Indian Territory.....  | 1908   | Pennsylvania.....     | 1907   |
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| Kentucky.....          | 1907   | South Carolina.....   | 1907   |
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# CAPITULAR STATISTICS

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| GRAND<br>CHAPTERS        | Chapters | Members | Exaltations | Admissions &<br>Restorations | Dimissions | Expulsions | Suspensions | Sus. for Non-<br>pay't dues | Deaths |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Alabama, 1907 .....      | 51       | 2,689   | 396         | 106                          | 69         | 1          | ....        | 85                          | 30     |
| Arizona, 1907 .....      | 7        | 554     | 62          | 11                           | 7          | 0          | 0           | 13                          | 11     |
| Arkansas, 1907 .....     | 82       | 3,470   | 389         | 70                           | 76         | 1          | 0           | 92                          | 56     |
| California, 1907 .....   | 88       | 9,850   | 590         | 151                          | 120        | 3          | 1           | 53                          | 172    |
| Canada, 1908 .....       | 133      | 12,071  | 1,392       | 196                          | 240        | 0          | ....        | 205                         | 128    |
| Colorado, 1907 .....     | 40       | 3,659   | 276         | 102                          | 78         | 1          | ....        | 38                          | 60     |
| Connecticut, 1907 .....  | 40       | 7,475   | 457         | 18                           | 43         | 1          | 0           | 25                          | 136    |
| Delaware, 1908 .....     | 4        | 984     | 79          | 3                            | 2          | 0          | ....        | 1                           | 12     |
| Dist. Columbia, 1907 ..  | 12       | 3,355   | 189         | 36                           | 37         | 0          | 0           | 77                          | 60     |
| Florida, 1907 .....      | 28       | 1,551   | 218         | 36                           | 33         | 0          | 2           | 10                          | 23     |
| Georgia, 1906 .....      | 129      | 5,309   | 418         | *121                         | *131       | *0         | ....        | *83                         | *57    |
| Illinois, 1907 .....     | 191      | 25,604  | 2,114       | 290                          | 366        | 4          | ....        | 273                         | 362    |
| Indiana, 1907 .....      | 112      | 11,893  | 1,048       | 120                          | 145        | 9          | 10          | 94                          | 161    |
| Indian Territory, 1907.. | 50       | 2,731   | 340         | 112                          | 110        | 0          | ....        | 39                          | 24     |
| Iowa, 1907 .....         | 127      | 9,859   | 640         | 160                          | 228        | 1          | ....        | 151                         | 112    |
| Kansas, 1908 .....       | 88       | 7,459   | 685         | 114                          | 161        | 0          | 0           | 113                         | 96     |
| Kentucky, 1907 .....     | 93       | 6,456   | 738         | 116                          | 127        | 7          | ....        | 90                          | 73     |
| Louisiana, 1908 .....    | 27       | 2,489   | 281         | 44                           | 47         | 0          | ....        | 52                          | 40     |
| Maine, 1908 .....        | 59       | 8,964   | 622         | 37                           | 52         | 0          | 0           | 97                          | 151    |
| Maryland, 1907 .....     | 22       | 2,940   | 248         | 16                           | 31         | 0          | 0           | 39                          | 34     |
| Massachusetts, 1906 ..   | 76       | 19,367  | 1,267       | 1,344                        | 142        | 0          | ....        | 115                         | 282    |
| Michigan, 1907 .....     | 140      | 17,761  | 1,057       | 161                          | 132        | 0          | ....        | 144                         | 251    |
| Minnesota, 1907 .....    | 67       | 6,988   | 530         | 96                           | 96         | 2          | 0           | 39                          | 97     |
| Mississippi, 1908 .....  | 69       | 3,653   | 452         | 129                          | 71         | 1          | 2           | 82                          | 48     |
| Missouri, 1908 .....     | 104      | 10,809  | 854         | 189                          | 185        | 7          | 3           | 197                         | 159    |
| Montana, 1906 .....      | 16       | 1,282   | 100         | 30                           | 36         | 0          | 1           | 8                           | 17     |
| Nebraska, 1907 .....     | 55       | 3,916   | 240         | 50                           | 66         | 0          | ....        | 48                          | 33     |
| Nevada, 1907 .....       | 8        | 342     | 14          | 23                           | 5          | 0          | 0           | 1                           | 11     |
| New Brunswick, 1906..    | 8        | 547     | 30          | 1                            | 6          | 0          | 0           | 0                           | 10     |
| New Hampshire, 1907..    | 26       | 3,906   | 143         | 237                          | 70         | 0          | 0           | 18                          | 87     |
| New Jersey, 1907 .....   | 38       | 5,274   | 497         | 45                           | 50         | 2          | ....        | 40                          | 74     |
| New Mexico, 1907 .....   | 12       | 705     | 65          | 13                           | 15         | 0          | ....        | 1                           | 15     |
| New York, 1908 .....     | 202      | 32,800  | 2,691       | 296                          | 248        | 3          | ....        | 523                         | 521    |
| North Carolina, 1907..   | 27       | 1,833   | 258         | 67                           | 30         | 2          | 1           | 19                          | 25     |
| North Dakota, 1907 ..    | 16       | 1,688   | 158         | 21                           | 27         | 0          | ....        | 52                          | 13     |
| Nova Scotia, 1907 .....  | 15       | 1,012   | 92          | 12                           | 16         | 0          | ....        | 26                          | 12     |
| Ohio, 1907 .....         | 162      | 25,698  | 2,212       | 500                          | 224        | 12         | 5           | 271                         | 331    |
| Oregon, 1907 .....       | 28       | 2,441   | 171         | 30                           | 14         | 0          | 0           | 0                           | 33     |
| Pennsylvania, 1907 ...   | 127      | 28,177  | 2,180       | 158                          | 224        | 0          | 0           | 192                         | 437    |
| Quebec, 1907 .....       | 11       | 1,093   | 109         | 11                           | 23         | 0          | 0           | 13                          | 9      |
| Rhode Island, 1907 ...   | 10       | 3,383   | 227         | 8                            | 6          | 0          | 0           | 25                          | 41     |
| South Carolina, 1907..   | 22       | 1,588   | 288         | 28                           | 38         | 0          | ..          | 15                          | 21     |
| South Dakota, 1907 ..... | 29       | 2,143   | 162         | 60                           | 52         | 0          | ...         | 28                          | 26     |
| Tennessee, 1908 .....    | 83       | 4,179   | 450         | 84                           | 103        | 0          | 6           | 43                          | 65     |
| Texas, 1907 .....        | 210      | 12,629  | 1,389       | 290                          | 512        | 6          | ....        | 152                         | 164    |
| Vermont, 1907 .....      | 29       | 3,811   | 255         | 13                           | 27         | 0          | ....        | 14                          | 75     |
| Virginia, 1907 .....     | 57       | 5,168   | 507         | 123                          | 119        | 0          | 0           | 59                          | 66     |
| Washington, 1907 .....   | 26       | 2,357   | 217         | 89                           | 25         | 1          | 0           | 53                          | 15     |
| West Virginia, 1907...   | 34       | 4,233   | 432         | 69                           | 61         | 1          | ....        | 38                          | 44     |
| Wisconsin, 1908 .....    | 79       | 8,533   | 696         | 135                          | 139        | 3          | ....        | 53                          | 112    |
| Gen. G. Chapter, 906     | 24       | 1,847   | 388         | 81                           | 77         | 3          | ....        | 31                          | 53     |

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